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# Reflections

by Joan Zwagerman

Two years ago I came to Northwestern. I expected certain things to change, i.e. friends, my hours, study habits. But I never expected to be challenged so strongly in the area of my person or my beliefs.

Not only was the college environment a totally new experience but the life going on there astounded me. I saw minds working like none I'd seen before. And I felt a personal challenge to understand that kind of mind and perhaps aspire to that for myself. My senses were aroused; I learned to probe and not be ashamed to ask questions.

And I loved it. And it all began with a search. One that was not conscious or pre-planned but one very real. I had never been pushed to think about so many things that I had no answers to. I was never frustrated so much as by being pushed.

Much of my frustration stemmed from the Western Man core curriculum. It was structured differently then, but still forced me to deal with issues bigger than myself, and if not to come to grips with them, at least to think about them, to hold some sort of opinion on them. Life's basic questions were as much for me as the ancient Greek mind. I was challenged in the most personal and sensitive area of my life, i.e. my Christian faith.

Having never been directly challenged, it seemed like a direct frontal assault to all I lived by. And yet I sorted through and God was still there amid all those questions. But so often I felt alone in my search. I wondered if I was the only one experiencing internal upheaval. I wondered if anybody cared.

All the questions I harbored were not answered at the end of the year. Some answers I'm still working through, some are changing. But I have grown and that much I know. Being challenged has made a difference in my life, one with which I am pleased.

So I began my second year here ready and eager for new experiences, no longer so afraid of challenges. I had found that searching brought me somewhere, somewhere worth going.



All of these personal experiences synthesized when I became part of the Project Examination Planning committee. For the first few sessions I sat and listened. I couldn't comprehend all the thoughts, all the educational philosophies, all the conscious effort of education here. Once again, I was challenged to try and understand this kind of mindset.

As my mind adjusted to foreign terms and theories I saw that my search was not alone. I saw professors and educators dealing with questions that directly affected us. I saw them struggling and asking our help. I saw that they cared. They cared about the relevancy of courses, about gaining a wider knowledge of the world by participating in other phases of our culture or new cultures. They cared enough to re-evaluate the basic goals and principles on which Northwestern stood.

Seeing their search reassured me in mine. Perhaps the questions I had faced

were not just accidents or a bewildered reaction to a different lifestyle. Perhaps they had **wanted** me to ask such questions. And if so, I was only too eager to continue.

For the first time I saw conscious education and I wondered why it had taken me so long to understand. Then I wondered if other students were asking similar questions or if they had expected a challenge and in that expectation had met it with less initial shock than I. Or if they didn't care.

As I look around, the latter case is far too often true. It is a great waste that students are not made aware of their reason for being here. Or that they don't comprehend their teachers' desires to produce clear thinking individuals fit to build God's kingdom.

It seems to me that if more students were made aware that the searching we all do can be positive and is often provoked by their teachers, that they would respond to all this life going on.

Only now after having seen teachers deal with problems of education, can I appreciate their search. I realize that they seek to make courses more relevant by restructuring them, asking students for comments and suggestions. After having experienced the Western Man program under two different structures, I appreciate the changes. But I especially appreciate them because of how and why they've come about.

My greatest expectation is that students and teachers share in their search. As students probe solutions to problems, teachers provide guidelines. Later students may report or share the way in which they were challenged, how they met them, how NW was part of that, where she could have improved.

When I've finished my education here, I will look back with good thoughts. Much of me developed here, much of me will continue to develop later because I have been here. Because I searched, because I was challenged, because someone cared.

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Note: Joan Zwagerman presented this student reaction at the Board of Trustees meeting in April.



# Commencement

## 1978

Ruth Zwald

### "Treading Water"

I'm a story fan. I like reading and telling stories. One of my favorite stories is the account that Rev. De Hoogh read about the storm and Peter walking on the water. As I thought about what to discuss today I decided to use that story as my reflection point.

Let's begin by seeing if we can picture that story together. Jesus had just finished feeding the five thousand and the crowds were dispersing. He sent his disciples away telling them to get in the boat and go over to the other side. Meanwhile he went up on the mountain to pray. During this time, night fell and a storm happened on the lake.

Imagine the terror of the disciples as the storm got worse and worse and the night got darker and darker. Jesus was still praying. Meanwhile, back on the lake, as the waves kept rising, the boat was rising with it. I bet the last thing on the disciples' minds was where Jesus was. Probably some of them were peering over the edge wondering if the waves were going to wipe them out any minute; probably some of them were trying to catch a little sleep because they were on the watch next; and probably some of them were grumbling because it seemed like things never go quite right for them. As their boat kept going up and down, just as they got to the top of the wave, they thought they saw—and then they screamed in terror. A voice said, "Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid."

That's really a neat lesson for us because there are so many winds and contrary winds in our lives that we can feel ourselves tossed about: things like struggling with ourselves and our identity (I know a lot of us have done that). We are often whipped by the wind.

Or it can be struggling with circumstances. We all know the feeling of

having too much to do and too little time or a few too many pages to type in the time that we have or even struggling with decisions of what we'll do with our lives and where we are going to head. We find ourselves up and down on the waves, not thinking about anything but ourselves, and all of a sudden, a voice comes saying "Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid."

That's really an encouragement but the disciples thought they saw a ghost. Even though the voice was there, somehow that just wasn't enough. So we see Peter saying, "Lord, if that's really you, then tell me to come out on the water." Even though the voice was there he wanted something more concrete. Peter steps out on the water (which is really in his character). All of a sudden he realizes that he is walking across the water, Jesus is out there, he is out of the boat, and oh, no! He starts to sink and sink and sink going down one time, two times, and spends the rest of his life treading water while Jesus and the boat go the other way.

Now, that's not quite the way the story ends. What actually happens is that Christ takes his hand and holds it out to Peter. Peter takes his hand and they go back in the boat together. It seems that the voice or the promise of the first part of the story, that "It is I. Do not be afraid," becomes reality in the second part of the story.

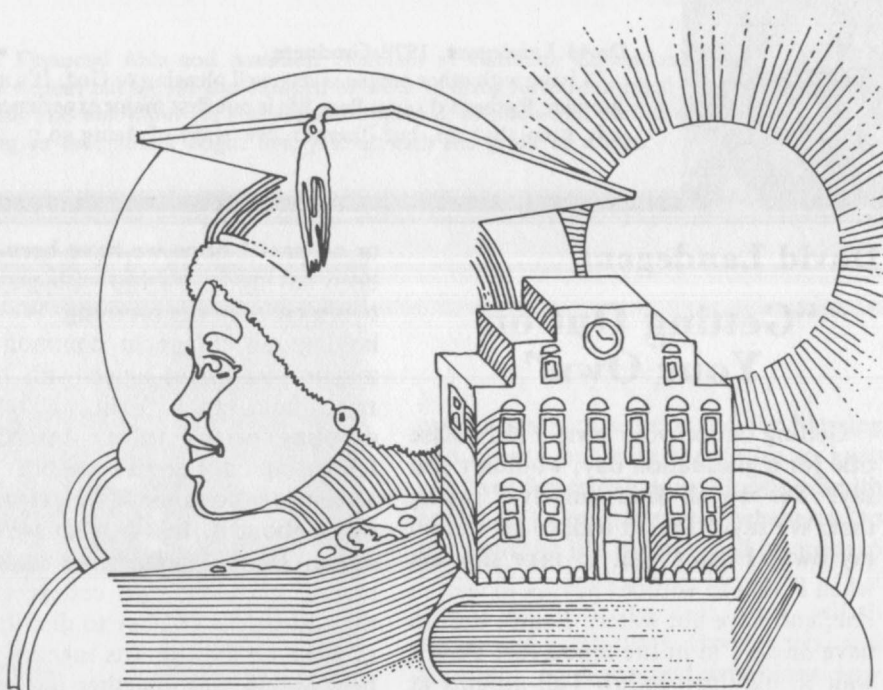
Of course, we know that Peter found Jesus' hand and took it. And for me, a lot of my experiences at Northwestern have been the same way. Time and again I feel like I've stepped out of the boat. This has been done for me in a lot of

different ways. I think that the challenges of the classroom, the challenges of my life values, and even my lifestyle, push me out on the water. The challenges of trying to live in the city for a semester push me out on the water. The challenges of living in community, whether that's coping with the people you sit next to in chapel or living in a dorm situation, pushes us out on the water. And, the good news is that we are not left treading water for the rest of our lives. Christ comes to us as we take that challenge.

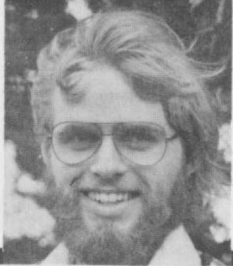
Something that I've really learned is that Christ's hand comes in many faces. The hand that reaches to me when I step out on the water is sometimes the hand from a professor saying, "Take heart. You can do it." Or it might be the hand of a friend who reaches out. We can spend time together; talking together, learning together, sharing together. It can be the hands of members of your family saying, "Take what you can get. Go for it. You are worth something." The hand of Christ indeed, comes in many faces.

Another thing that Northwestern has done is encourage me to go forth from here. I've had a lot of opportunities to step out on the water while I'm here. And at other times and places I'll be stepping out on the water having gained strength through my experiences here.

So my good news to you today, friends, is that we're not treading water for the rest of our lives. We are called to be something more; to step out, to accept the hands that come to us, and to be Christ to each other.







**David Landegent, 1978 Graduate**

"Living with other people is very well pleasing to God. It's not just a phase that we go through and then we get out on our own. Rather I'd say college life is our first major experience in living with other people besides our families. Let's not only keep that up, but discover new ways of doing so."

## David Landegent

### "Getting Out on Your Own"

Getting out on your own. Fairly blasé title for a graduation day, wouldn't you say? Yet we all find ourselves saying that. We say, "I can't wait to get out on my own. I can't wait to take showers when I want to without having to wait in line, and have hot water. I can't wait to have meals I'm in the mood for. I can't wait to play my Jethro Tull albums at the volume I want. I can't wait to get out of going to chapel every day. And I can't wait to get away from those creeps who keep scurving my room or the girls who keep raiding down our hallways. I can't wait to get out on my own."

Yet I think God wanted us to experience those things. I'd like to read a passage from Acts 2 which talks about the experience we've had at college: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done unto the apostles. And all who believed were together, and had all things in common. They sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. And day by day attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

Usually when we read those verses we are thinking of a super spiritual time. Christ just rose from the dead. Everyone's real excited. Everyone's getting along. There's no denominations. Everyone's feeling good and they're all working together. And we say, "Too bad it can't be like that anymore. Too bad this thing was way back then and now we are stuck with denominations. That's just the breaks. We'll never participate in that."

But I'd wager to say that we have been doing that for the past four years. We've been devoting ourselves to the teaching,

or at least I hope we have been. We've been having fellowship with popcorn at two o'clock in the morning. We've been holding all things in common. Now, maybe you might agree with the first two, but say, "Wait, I remember devoting myself to the teaching and fellowship but I don't remember sharing all things in common." But, if you really think about it, this is what we've been doing. In the summer we make some money, then come to college and give the college that money to distribute. All of us share the benefits together. We've been worshiping together in the chapel every day. We've been eating together. All these elements of living with other people are found not only in this passage, but in our college experience.

You might still be skeptical and say, "Well, yes, we've done those things but they didn't have any problems. Everyone's having a great time. Everyone's praising God. It's just hunky dory. We've got creeps around and lots of bad things." But I think the Jerusalem church had those problems, too. There was Ananias and Saphira, a couple of chapters later, who caused a disruption in the church. Still the basic element of that church was these things—the fact that they were sharing together. That's what college is like.

Living with other people is very well pleasing to God. It's not just a phase that we go through and then we get out on our own. No, living with other people should continue after college. Getting out on your own is not what God wants. Now, I'm not advocating that this fall you go find a dorm to live in or find a commune to join, though that's always a possibility. The dorm method of living with other people is not the only way that you can live with others. Just like in the early church—Jerusalem had this system, other churches had different systems of sharing together.

So we, too, must find different ways to share together. You're not leaving college in order to get showers when you want them or meals when you want them or stereos at the volume you desire. You're leaving to discover new ways of living with other people. Instead of the cafeteria we now have to go invite

people to our homes to live together. Instead of going to lectures and classes every day we have to do some reading on our own. We have to find lectures around town that we can participate in and discuss with our spouses, our fellow employees, and Christians in our churches. Instead of paying a tuition and therefore sharing with other people, we have to use the money we've made at our jobs for missions not only abroad, but right at home—for the poor among us. Instead of going to required chapel every day we must get extensively involved in a local congregation.

Today we have the phenomena of television churches where you can just wake up in the morning and sit in front of your television. You don't have to put up with that guy in the pew next to you with bad breath or that lady who always wears gaudy clothing or that spiritual snob who talks down to you. You can just sit in the comfort of your own home, all by yourself, and listen to God's word. But I don't think that's what God would have us do. I'm not saying television churches are all wrong, but I think he wants us actively involved with other people. Therefore, we must all be involved in a local congregation.

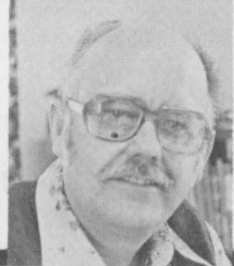
After that little pep talk I do not want to say, "College life is over. Let us get out on our own, striving forth into new horizons; individually achieving our goals."

True, there are goals and things we must strive for, as Ruth mentioned. But, it's not an individual effort. It's not on our own. Rather I'd say college life is our first major experience in living with other people besides our families. Let's not only keep that up but discover new ways of doing so.

## Roland Simmelink

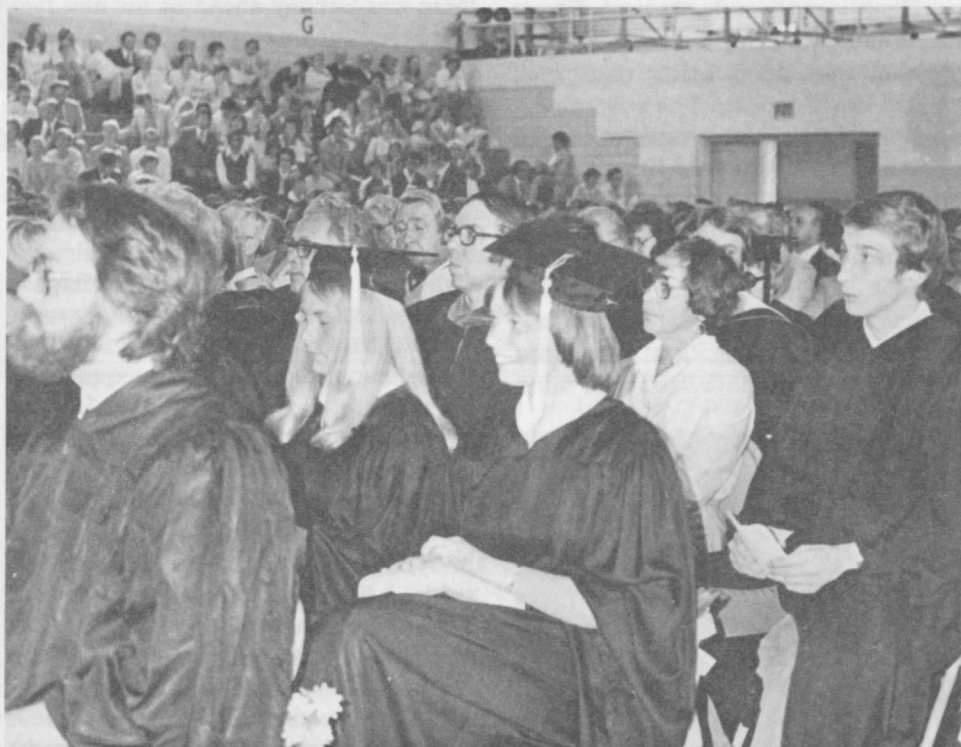
### "Dying to Live"

Recently I asked a senior how he felt about nearing the end of his college career, and he replied, "I'm dying to get out and begin living." That statement struck a familiar chord within me, for I vividly remembered how 29 years ago I left Hope College with a very similar



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feeling. I was just dying to begin living. Little did I know then what that really meant.

Robert W. Smith recently said, "Everyone's dying to live! But many today are just dying, period. There's the walking death of futility and frustration, the utter boredom and pointlessness of existing without living." Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10). Yet many of us fail to realize the full potential of all that statement means. But the promise of the Lord still stands unchanged, waiting only to be claimed by faith.

According to Smith there are two kinds of dying: "One is the expression of futility and despair because of our failure to relate to the One who is to be our life, thus, missing out on the fullness and fulfillment Christ gives. The other is dying to one's own ambitions and plans in favor of a better way, God's way."

Soon after my graduation from college it became very necessary for me to learn this. I had acquired a number of skills, learned a discipline and was ready to set the world on fire. But I had to answer the question, "How fulfilling are

your values?" Many of mine were totally unfulfilling.

Jesus expressed his value system this way: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." (John 12:24-25) He used a simple illustration of a little grain of wheat and said that unless it fell to the ground and died, it was to remain alone. Who wants to remain alone and useless? But, he also said, if it died, it bore fruit. Then he followed with the application for us: "He who loves his life loses it, but he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." In other words, if I seek to gratify my own self-centered desires, I'm going to lose out. The values of the world which often are "grab all you can get" are quite the opposite of that of our Lord.

Hating the world does not mean hating God's creation, for it is beautiful and to be enjoyed. But rather, I believe it is to hate the philosophies and values made by the world which are in opposition to God. Thus, we do not hate

our lives which were made for blessing and beauty but hate the desire to keep our lives for selfish gain. Quoting Smith again, "The little kernel of wheat had to pour out the life it contained in order to bring forth multiplied life. For us, it means surrendering our own selfish plans and ambitions for success and approval, to plans and ambitions now made for the sake of others' good. It is dying so that others might live, just as with the grain of wheat. The result then is eternal, abundant, fulfilling life. It's the interesting paradox of winning by losing, of gaining by giving, of victory through surrender."

Walt Whitman once said that much writing of men was "thin" and had "no weight." He further added that such men were, in certain ways, important; they served a few temporary errands, but they were not out for immortal service. Likewise, we often lose our lives running "temporary errands" for our own interests, seldom finding the richness of life for "immortal service."

We learn in John 12 that the seed which did not die, remained alone. If I save my life, nursing it in selfishness, dreading and avoiding all that tastes of self-denial and self-giving, I will be utterly and drearily lonely. A good farmer knows that to hoard seed is to ruin it, while to sow seed is to free it for multiplied usefulness. Likewise, one who possessively loves his life will destroy it, while one who hates his life in this world, one who is willing to lose it for the sake of Christ and others, will truly gain eternal life which can never be taken from him.

Do I then mean that all you have accomplished in the past four years has been in vain? Not in the least! The question now merely remains, "How will you use it?" St. Francis of Assisi so beautifully said, "For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."





Dr. Thurman Rynbrandt, Pastor First Reformed Church, Sioux Center, Member Board of the Trustees

"Build the body, maximize the mind, sensitize the spirit. I like the verse in the Bible, 'If there be any excellence, if there be anything worthy of praise, think on these things.' The Christian is challenged to pursue excellence."

## Dr. Thurman Rynbrandt

### "It's There, Go With It"

An old Hindu legend says that at one time all men on earth were gods, but when man began to act up and abuse the Divine, Brahma, the god of all gods, decided that the godhead should be taken away from man and hid somewhere where man could never get at it and abuse it. "We will bury it deep in the earth," said the other gods. "No," said Brahma, "because man will dig in the earth and find it." "Then we will sink it in the deepest ocean," responded the gods. "No," said Brahma, "because man will learn to dive and find it there too." "We will hide it on the highest mountain," they said. "No," said Brahma, "because man will someday climb every mountain on earth and again capture the godhead." "Then we do not know where to go with it so that man will not find it." "I will tell you," said Brahma. "Hide it down in man himself. He will never think to look there." There is something hid within yourself. It's there, go with it.

St. Paul told his understudy Timothy, "Stir up the gift of God that is within you." Paul was referring primarily to the gift of faith, but God has given a bundle of gifts within you that can go unnoticed, unused. Paul Tournier, in his book **Guilt and Grace**, says that the deepest, often most unconscious guilt that throbs within each one of us is the guilt of unused potential. It is guilt that triggers depression, slices motivation, slows one up—hence he uses less of what he has and there is a vicious cycle of more guilt, more depression, less motivation, less action, more guilt.

God has planted something inside of you. It's there, go with it.

What's there? A healthy functioning body—build it. When I graduated from Hope College the speaker made a big point on health. Why? Because he personally knew a number of men whose success had been snatched away because of poor health just as they were about to enjoy the fruits of the long, hard climb

up. Health nuts and physical fitness kicks sometimes carry it to the extreme, but what they do is better than what many of us do not do. The government is getting rid of the gas guzzler in cars. It is the same way with the human body—it guzzles energy with excess weight and needs to be trim and fit for the best use of its energy. Build the body—it's there, go with it.

What's there? A sound, sane mind. Maximize the mind. Right now you might feel that you have used your mind



enough in the last four years to last you quite a while. Carlyle's definition for a genius is "an infinite capacity for hard work." It's so easy today to have others do the thinking for us—commentary on TV, headlines in the newspapers, advertising on billboards—we hear it and see it without working it through our mental screens.

There's a big chance that your mind will go dull in our feeling-oriented age. We get the idea today that it is more important what we feel than what we think. Not so! Both are important, but the Bible says, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." The average American is surrounded with mental mediocrity each day, and in that environment the mind loses its momentum. I challenge you to expose your mind to one great mind at least once a week. You may feel that you have exposed your mind to enough great minds in the last four years to last you a century. You feel like putting up some comfortable chair and relaxing your brain.

Last Tuesday I felt dull mentally and

there was Sunday ahead of me and two more sermons. Nothing was moving within me so I went to my volumes on **Twenty Centuries of Great Preaching** and started reading from Helmut Thieliche, a great German theologian and preacher. In 15 minutes the flow was back. In fact, one idea so excited me that I had to get out of my chair and walk back and forth for a while. Expose your mind to one great mind each week. That will take planning and it will take discipline; it just won't happen on impulse.

Maximize all of the mind. It's there, go with it.

What's there? There's your spirit deep within you. Sensitize the spirit. Build the body, maximize the mind, sensitize the spirit. I like the verse in the Bible, "If there be any excellence, if there be anything worthy of praise, think on these things." The Christian is challenged to pursue excellence. There is within each one of us a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr. Hyde—either one can emerge depending upon what we expose ourselves to. Two biggies that travel together are boredom and pettiness of daily routine. When boredom and pettiness get together it can draw the "Hyde" out of most people.

One way to break the boredom and make each day a little different is to sensitize the spirit to the beautiful. I was in American Church here in Orange City to hear Fred Swann at the new organ—it was excellent. The following day I talked to Mr. Phelps, who built the organ, and

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asked him how he would explain the different responses between people who were whispering and wisecracking through the concert and people who were sitting in absolute rapture. "Sensitization," said he. "It is the degree to which people have been sensitized and sensitizing comes through exposure." I think many have developed a lifestyle that desensitizes them to the beautiful.

Expose yourself to the beautiful. It will develop your capacity to enjoy life.





**Dr. Thurman Rynbrandt**

"I challenge you to find those areas in your life that make your blood flow. I challenge you to find those areas and then eliminate others so that you can concentrate on them. If you don't eliminate, the world around you will spread you so thin that after a while you will lose touch with what you have to offer, and there will be no go."

Unfortunately it's not all that simple. I was reading in Paul Tillich's **Systematic Theology** recently, "The process of self-integration is in continuous struggle with disintegration, and integrating and disintegrating tendencies are mixed in any given moment. Any new experience . . . which must be assimilated has the tendency to become independent within the centered whole and disrupt it." In other words, all these new experiences can go colliding around inside of us and make a mess. I remember a Ph.D. graduate in philosophy from Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California saying to me in my study, "My mind's okay, but I am in an emotional jungle." What does Jerusalem have to say to Athens? What does Jesus have to say to Aristotle? What does the heart have to say to the mind? There's got to be a central unifying force in all that we think and feel. In Colossians 1:17 Paul said, "In him all things hold together." Even if we build the body, maximize the mind, and sensitize the spirit, our mental life can be a jangle and our emotional life a jungle. For me, Christ is the glue that holds it all together. He is the cohesive Christ who can hold it together for you so that you can take what is there inside of you and go with it.

When Christ comes into our internal mix, there will be more than a pulling together of resources, there will be a pouring out of what you have for others, and a sensitivity of the Spirit to people. That's what Paul went on to say when he talked about Christ holding him together. He said, "For this (that maturity of faith in others) I toil, striving with all the energy which he mightily inspires within me." That's stirring up the gift, the gift within you for others.

Lloyd C. Douglas in his **Magnificent Obsession** tells of a young man who nearly drowned. A pulmotor was rushed to him from a cottage on the shore. There was near tragedy, and yet there was tragedy because the pulmotor with which he was saved was also needed a

few seconds later by the owner of the pulmotor, a famous brain surgeon who himself was drowning and did drown. The upshot of it all was that the young man felt that he had robbed the world of the skills of the famous brain surgeon. He would have to make up for what happened. He would become a famous brain surgeon. But when he succeeded, it

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was not enough because the famous man was also known to help thousands of people in giving money and time always with the understanding that no one would know about it until after he died. His theory was that in giving anonymously he was contributing to his own personal development and enrichment. So, the young man with the obsession to become a brain surgeon discovered the Great Obsession, to help others anonymously, and he, too, in giving became full.

Christ can inspire you to the "Magnificent Obsession." He, the Great Physician died in saving you, and now, you can enjoy the obsession to help others as he did, and even enjoy more the "Magnificent Obsession" to help others without any thought of personal glory, even as did our Lord.

The "Magnificent Obsession," however, has to be nailed down to specific areas of commitment. A few years ago I was challenged by a doctor friend in California to restructure my priorities—eliminate some so I could concentrate on others. I just had too many irons in the fire. So I did some praying and some soul searching and a lot of talking through with my wife and my friend the physician and came up with five areas of concentration. They stare me in the face every day in my study in Sioux Center—a nicely framed, artistically done lettering of five words: partner, parent, preacher, pastor, property. Partner (I am happily

married), parent (I have two sons), preacher (every Sunday), pastor (I pastor the First Reformed Church of Sioux Center), property (I have a cottage in Michigan). All five of those areas in your life that make your blood flow. I challenge you to find those areas and then eliminate others so that you can concentrate on them. If you don't eliminate, the world around you will spread you so thinly that after a while you will lose touch with what you have to offer, and there will be no go.

Go with your gift. It's there inside of you. Structure your giving, eliminate so that you can concentrate, and you will find that there is more and more in you with which to give more and more in the "Magnificent Obsession."

At Corona Del Mar in California, people gather on the beach every July on a certain day to witness a sand sculpturing contest. There is a lot of excitement. Hundreds work feverishly and furiously in the sand. They have only so much time in which to do their work. Then, their magnificent creations are judged—some are fantastic, some almost incredible. A couple hours later the tide comes along and washes it all away. You may take all of your resources and build your life into a castle, but if it is not for others, the tide of self will wash it away. It's there, deep inside of you. Stir it up. Share it with others. Go with it!

## **Honors and Awards**

Special awards were presented at commencement with Leanne De Vos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornie De Vos of Hull, receiving the Scholarship Award for being the student with the highest grade point average. David Landegent, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Landegent of Sioux Falls, was awarded the H.V.E. Stegeman Award, given to the graduating senior with the highest scholastic average in courses of religion for four years. David also received Faculty Honors along with Stephen Macchia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Italo Macchia of Stoneham, Mass.

# The Phelps Organ

Over 650 people gathered April 18th at American Reformed Church in Orange City to witness the dedicatory recital of the New Phelps organ, owned by Northwestern College and American Reformed Church. Guest artist was Frederick Swann, Director of Music and Organist of The Riverside Church in New York City, and Chairman of the Organ Department at the Manhattan School of Music.

The organ was purchased four years ago from Lawrence Phelps and Associates, costing in excess of \$125,000. Construction began approximately one year later with installation beginning in the fall of 1976. Installation was delayed when, in March of 1977, some German-made pipes being shipped to the United States were water-damaged by a tidal storm and returned to Germany. Before the organ was voiced another delay occurred while the Phelps company finished other contracts. Voicing was completed November 5 and the organ first played in American Church on Sunday

morning, November 6, 1977.

In the service of dedication Dr. Calvin J. Rynbrandt, Pastor of American Reformed Church, quoted one of his college professors: "The finest music inspires the finest praise."

"Certainly," continued Rynbrandt, "it is the goal of Northwestern College and the American Reformed Church to create the finest music to inspire the finest praise to God."

The act of dedication follows:

Minister: Beloved in Christ, we are assembled here in this sanctuary to dedicate this organ as an instrument of worship and to rededicate ourselves to the service of Him whose name our music is intended to magnify.

To the glory of God, the Author of all goodness and beauty, the Giver of all skills of heart, mind, and hand.

**People: We dedicate this organ and we rededicate ourselves.**

Minister: To the praise of Jesus Christ, whose life of service and sacrifice inspires great hymns of devotion and joy.

**People: We dedicate this organ and we rededicate ourselves.**

Minister: To the honor of the Holy Spirit who moves and guides our worship, and who is our Helper in the understanding of truth and beauty.

**People: We dedicate this organ and we rededicate ourselves.**

Minister: To the service of the American Reformed Church, Northwestern College and the community of which it is a part, so that the music which sounds from its pipes may encourage congregations, students and choirs to lift their voices in the singing of psalms, hymns and anthems of praise and prayer.

**People: We dedicate this organ.**

Minister: So that through its process of creating and re-creating beauty, it may serve as an avenue for lifting up the depressed, comforting the sorrowing, strengthening the weak, and glorifying the eternal and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**People: We dedicate this organ.**







**Frederick Swann, Director of Music and Organist of The Riverside Church in New York City**

"Any community that has the foresight to have a building like American Reformed Church and an organ like this probably has a real appreciation for music.

"This organ is a joy to play and very elegant . . . beautiful to listen to . . . superb!"

## THE ORGAN in American Reformed Church

by Lawrence Phelps

The organ was built under my direction by my firm, Lawrence Phelps and Associates, Erie, Pennsylvania.

The key action is mechanical and the stop action, electrical, with electronic solid-state registration aids (stop combination pistons, reversible division couplers, etc.)

There are four divisions played from three keyboards of 56 notes each and the pedalboard of 32 notes. The organ has 37 stops composed of 49 ranks of pipes—a total of 2,396 pipes.

The polished pipes in the facade of the Hauptwerk and Ruckpositiv are of 85% tin. The large pipes in the facade of the two towers of the Pedal organ are of flamed copper. The flaming process stabilizes the surface of the copper so it will not change with time or with handling. The rigidity of copper makes it an especially good material for large bass pipes and gives a firm, solid tone of considerable carrying power so these pipes speak easily in the room without being forced or consuming large volumes of wind.

Since the mid-1940's, there has been a growing movement in American organbuilding to adopt the basic construction principles of the classic pipe organs exemplified in the 17th and 18th Century instruments of northern Europe. These principles include:

- 1) Tracker key action, i.e., direct mechanical linkage between key and pipe valve rather than electric action. This affords the player direct control over the instrument. The action of the organ is mechanical in the same sense that piano and harpsichord actions are.
- 2) Traditional tonal design, with classical pipe voicing using low wind pressure. This assures a tonal palette that meets the requirements of the repertoire and imparts a clear, transparent texture to the sound. The low pressure also assures a light and responsive key touch.
- 3) Slider chests, with pipes of the same note within each division standing on a common windway called a key



The new Phelps organ owned by Northwestern College and American Reformed Church was dedicated in April, with Frederick Swann [center] performing as guest artist for the dedicatory recital. Shown are Lawrence Phelps, Designer and Constructor of the organ; Dr. Rodney G. Jiskoot, Organist

chamber or channel

Because of the key chamber, the slider wind-chest produces a precise sound and has an advantageous effect on the blend and ensemble of the instrument.

- 4) Placement of the Organ in a free-standing position where it can speak directly

Organs buried in wall chambers of buildings have a muffled or forced tone. An instrument standing free speaks directly to the listener with a light, unforced, singing tone.

- 5) Encasement of each pipe division on all sides except the front.

In addition to being aesthetically handsome, the case blends and projects the tone and provides characteristic resonances in the sound of the individual division. The case adds richness as well as a distinguishing timbre.

Because these principles were so successfully exploited by master builders centuries ago, it would be natural to

think of the creation of an instrument along these lines as a step into the past. Without the exercise of good taste and thoughtful contemplation of music's needs, it is easy to succumb to the lure of the craft and technocracy of another day. One must distinguish between universal principles that produce great instruments and have real meaning for all time, and mere local craft practices that vary with time and place, individuals and circumstances, and are best forgotten except in historical records.

There are true principles at work behind the creation of any masterpiece anywhere and these never fail when applied with understanding, without prejudice, and with a sense of true progress in the craft. The organ in American Reformed Church is most definitely not an echo from the past. It is an organ for today, a modern instrument in every way, although it embodies time-honored principles in its every aspect.



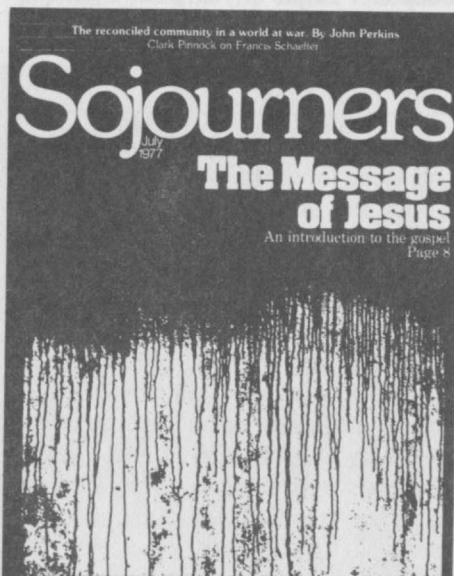
# Sum-Sum-Summertime

Summertime for college folk is two or three months of doing as you please, or at least something different. Or simply trying to recuperate after a grueling schoolyear.

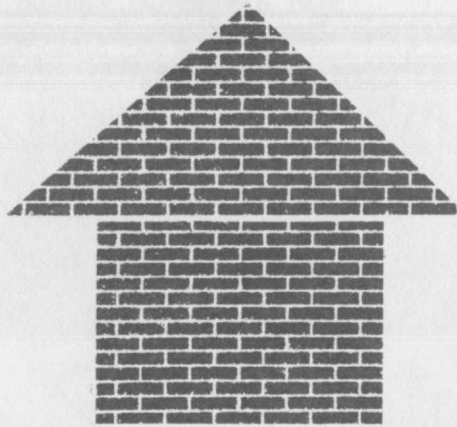
Northwestern people are doing everything from touring with puppets and walking beans to researching in Philadelphia. They're traveling from India to western Europe to Nova Scotia and from Hong Kong to Sioux Center to another dormitory. Some are getting college credit, others are getting experience; some paid, and others just fun.

Here's the rundown—39 different ways Northwestern folks are spending their summers.

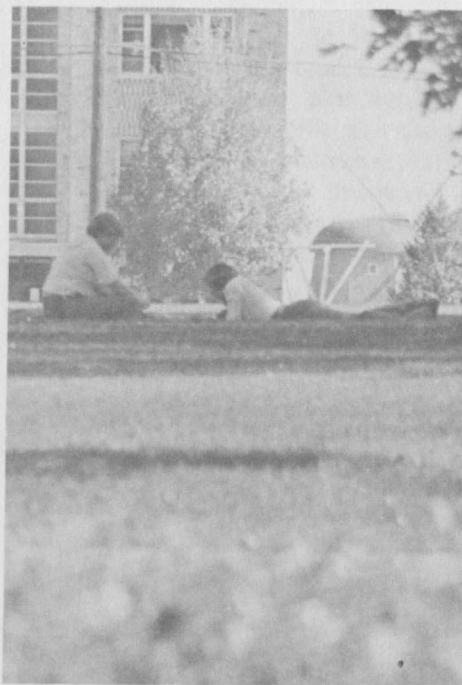
1. Shar Hulstein's collecting green fees at the Sioux Center golf course.
2. Paul Vander Aarde visited his folks in India.



3. Carla Hettinga's interning at **Sojourners** magazine in Washington, D.C.
4. Some kids are farming or helping out by walking beans and detasseling corn.
5. Others are producing Calvin Miller's **The Singer**.
6. Deb Sinkey and Ruth Zwald were official NW student representatives at General Synod.



7. Prof Lyle Vander Werff's building a house in Orange City.
8. Prof Roy Anker's writing a book on Thornton Wilder.
9. Prof George De Vries is attending the second International Conference on Christian Higher Education at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, dealing with "The Responsibility of Christian Institutions of Higher Education to Justice in the International Order." He'll be among delegates from South America, Great Britain, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and the Orient.



10. 180 Students are in summer school at NW and kids and profs are in summer school elsewhere.

11. Tom Heiman's part of a summer theatre program at the U. of Iowa.
12. Bessma Khoury's home in Bahrain.
13. Kim Svoboda's working at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Sewickley, Pa.
14. John Richards is interning in an Omaha hospital.
15. Arden Boersma's doing research work with Dr. Jane Vander Kooi in the department of bio-chem at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.
16. Some guys are practicing with a rock band.
17. Admissions Counselor Curt Weerheim is spending eight weeks teaching English in Hong Kong.
18. Prof Paul Borgman, along with five NW students, is part of an experimental college in Maine where he will teach a course on television. Students and faculty will participate in two courses on work and leisure, and visit Boston, have life-planning seminars, and go wilderness backpacking.
19. Puppeteers are touring as Poppen's Puppins, under the direction of Tim and Deb Poppen.



20. Reggie Smidt's selling insurance.
21. Linda Van't Hul is lifeguarding in her hometown: "the best paying job in many small towns," she says.
22. Prof Robin Kendrick's attending a summer seminar on "Religion and Political Economy" in Madison, Wisc.



23. Chaplain Ray Weiss is heading on a survey trip to Texas and later will participate in the International Christian Political Conference at Dordt College.

24. Deb Hitchcock's in Mexico.

25. Others are counseling at FCA camps, Manitoqua, and Cran Hill.

26. And still others are getting married!

27. Plus there's the Western Europe trip for some and the Southwest trip for others—investigating other cultures for several weeks.

Profs Kathy Pederson and Stephen Cobb took six NW students through four western European countries: Holland, West Germany, Switzerland,



and France. The study-tour included seminars with educators, clergymen, factory workers and farmers.

Prof Keith Hoskins camped with 13 NW students and Rev. ('48) and Mrs. Harvey Calsbeek, (Angeline Smit '48), studying native American Indians in the Southwest U.S.



28. And how about work study at good ole' Northwestern, from maintenance to typing to being Paul Muyskens' right hand woman (Char Ten Clay)?



29. Or working in a canning factory in Wisconsin?

30. Or heading up summer recreation programs, like Earl Woudstra and Mary Ver Steeg?

31. Some play on town summer baseball/softball teams.

32. Others work in retirement homes, drive chartered buses, build silos, be carpenters, manage McDonalds.

33. Or open a fun and fitness shop.

34. Eight NW students joined Rev. ('67) and Mrs. Bruce Wierks (Mary Ann Hooyer '69) at First Reformed Church, Chatham, New York. Deb Brommer, Paul Sapp, Cathy Weiss, Ed Schreur,

Rachel Van Maanen, Rosemary Susie, Steve Branch, and Luann Freese are assisting with vacation Bible school, home visitation, youth programs, church growth projects, and special programs.

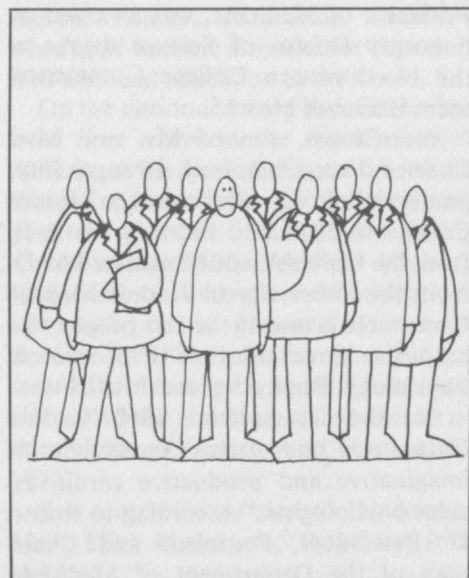
35. It's National Wheelchair Games for Chuck Focht.

36. Backpacking camp for Alysa Hettinga and rafting down the Colorado River for Barb Ongna.

37. And there's travel everywhere—from northern Minnesota to the west coast for Daryl Hooegeven to New England, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland for Bill and Nella Kennedy.

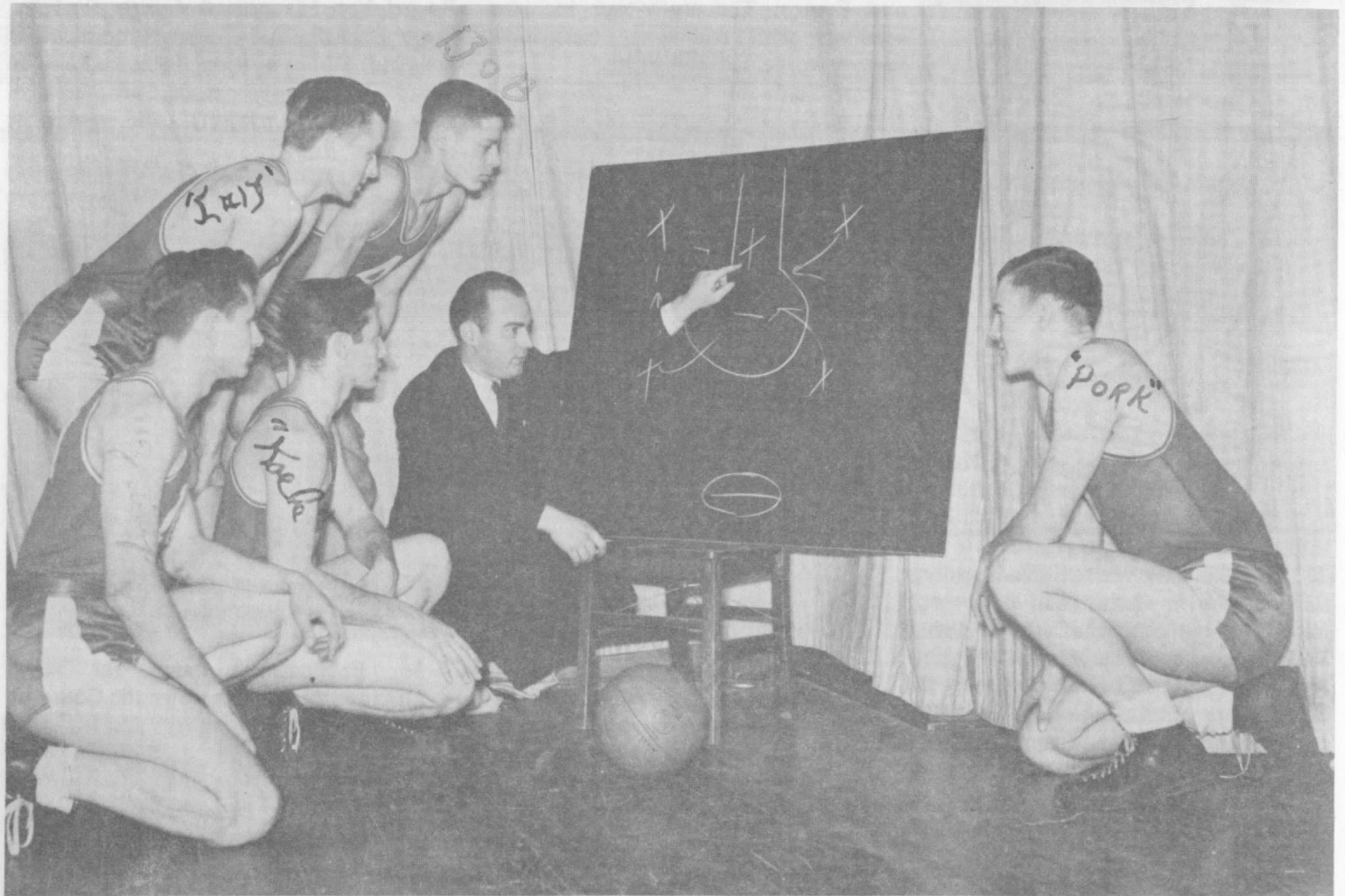
38. Some are staying around Orange City and helping out at the Coffee Barn.

39. Others, like Jolene Van Oort, just headed for home to find a job wherever.





# Robert L. Van Citters



Dr. Robert L. Van Citters, Dean of the School of Medicine of the University of Washington, Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, and Professor of Medicine, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the Northwestern College Commencement Exercises May 15.

Van Citters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Citters of Orange City, graduated from Northwestern Junior College in 1944 and received his A.B. from the University of Kansas and M.D. from the University of Kansas Medical Center. He is one of the few people who hold the three titles of Professor of Physiology, Biophysics, and Medicine.

"In the decade from 1960-70, Van Citters was one of this country's most imaginative and productive cardiovascular physiologists," according to Robert G. Petersdorf, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine,

University of Washington. "His studies have done much to clarify the relationship of physiological responses in animals to those in man."

Van Citters' early studies dealt with the relationship of cardiac function to peripheral arterial tree. He devised some sophisticated instrumentation to measure blood flow through arteries.

His greatest contribution was the study of cardiac function in unanesthetized animals. Most studies prior to that time had been done in anesthetized animals, and anesthesia markedly alters the results of such studies. Since most humans are unanesthetized, this was an important contribution. Among the animals studied by Van Citters were the diving sea lion, the Alaska sled dog, and the giraffe. In a study of comparative anatomy and physiology, Van Citters described the lesions of arteriosclerosis in the steelhead trout, which has

Above: Bob Van Citters and the basketball team, [left to right] Don Zwiep '44, Paul Colenbrander '43, Earl Koele '44, Van Citters, Coach Mert Kraai, and Glen "Pork" Luymas '43.

Van Citters also loves hunting on the banks of the Floyd, fishing for salmon and steelhead trout, and growing rhododendrons and roses.

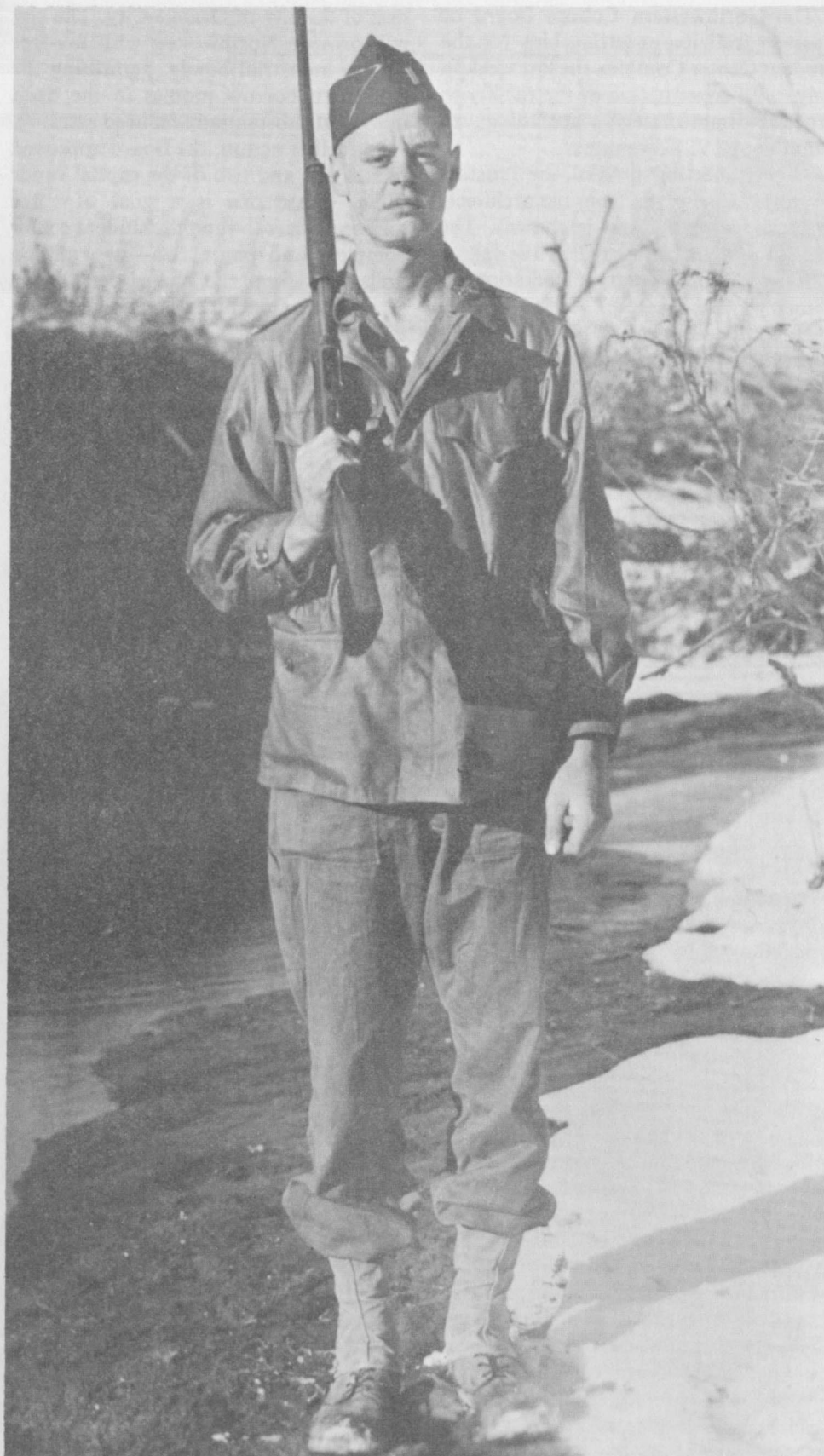
important implications for this type of disease in other animals.

As Dean of the School of Medicine since 1970, Van Citters has been the executive officer of one of the largest, as well as most distinguished, medical schools in the country. During his tenure as Dean, the school has progressed along fronts in which it was traditionally strong--biomedical research and student instruction. Equally important are the imaginative programs initiated in health care delivery and regionalized medical





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care. During Van Citters' tenure as Dean, the School has become involved in a regionalized program of medical education and training--WAMI education and training--WAMI (Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho)—which has become a model for regionalized medical education in the world.

On the national scene, Van Citters has been very active in the Association of American Medical Colleges on whose Executive Council he will complete a six year term this fall. He is also completing a term on the Special Medical Advisory Group of the Veterans Administration, of which he is presently chairman. Because of the distinction that he has lent to "deaning," Van Citters was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1977.

Van Citters is married to the former Mary Ellen Barker and they have four children.

# Vision of Expansion

## Trustees Approve Student Center Plans

The Northwestern College Board of Trustees anticipates letting bids for the Student Center Complex the last week in July, with construction of the facility to proceed immediately, according to President H.V. Rowenhorst.

At their meeting in April, the Trustees approved final plans from the architects (the revised floor plan is shown). The facility is to be completed by the fall of 1979, with some areas in operation by January 1979.

Howard Braren, Northwestern's consultant on the feasibility of the building project, reported on his follow-up interviews of the 39 dinner-presentations conducted by Rowenhorst and Development Director Robert Wallinga. Braren found a very positive reaction, with almost everyone he interviewed indicating a strong interest in lending substantial support to Northwestern in this effort.

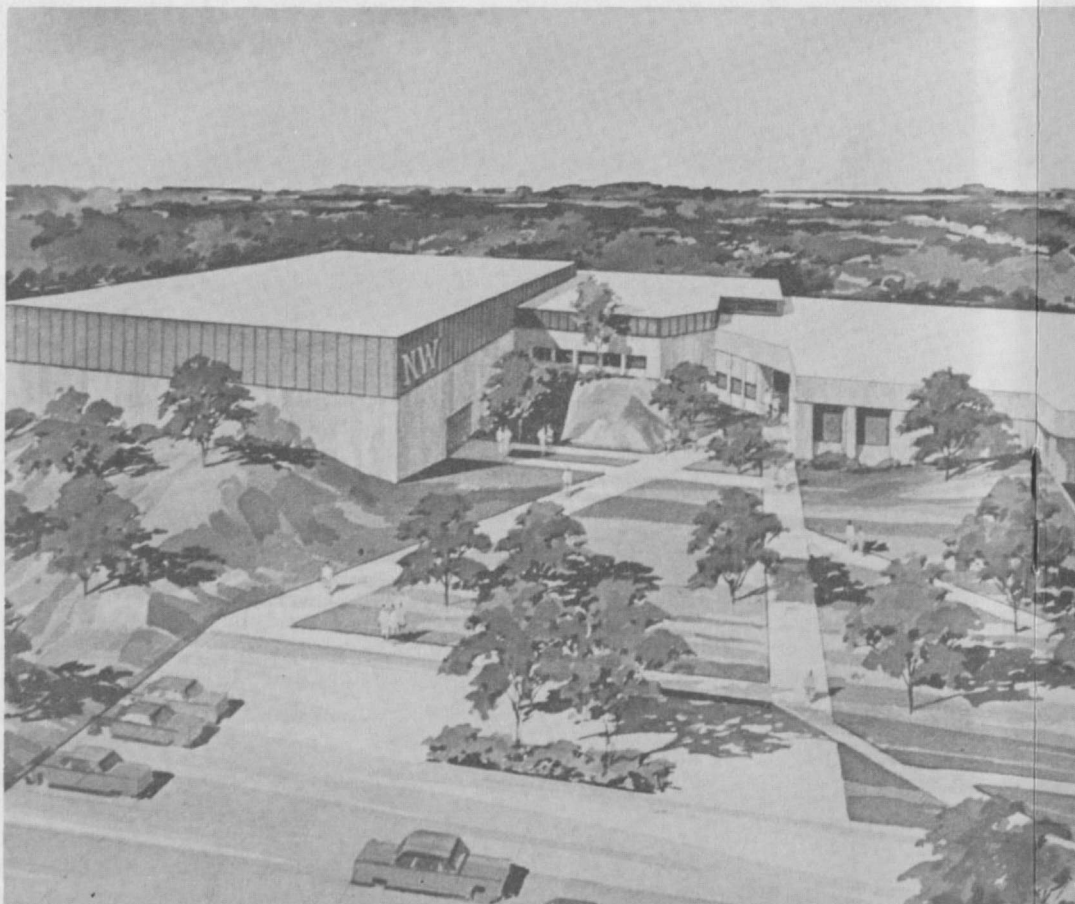
A funding program for interim financing was adopted through coopera-

tion of the city of Orange City. The city will provide Northwestern with tax-free college industrial bonds, permitting the college to borrow monies in the open market at substantially reduced rates.

In further action, the Board approved phases one and two of the capital funds drive. Phase one is a goal of three million dollars to fund the student center complex, and phase two—two million dollars to fund the chapel-performing arts center. Concurrently a drive will be made to increase endowment by one million dollars.

Presently a national executive council for the fund campaign is being selected with the initial meeting to be held in August. The kick-off dinner with this council will be held during the next trustees meeting, October 18.

Donald Vander Stoep of Orange City was named an additional member of the development department, with his initial responsibilities in the area of capital fund drive.

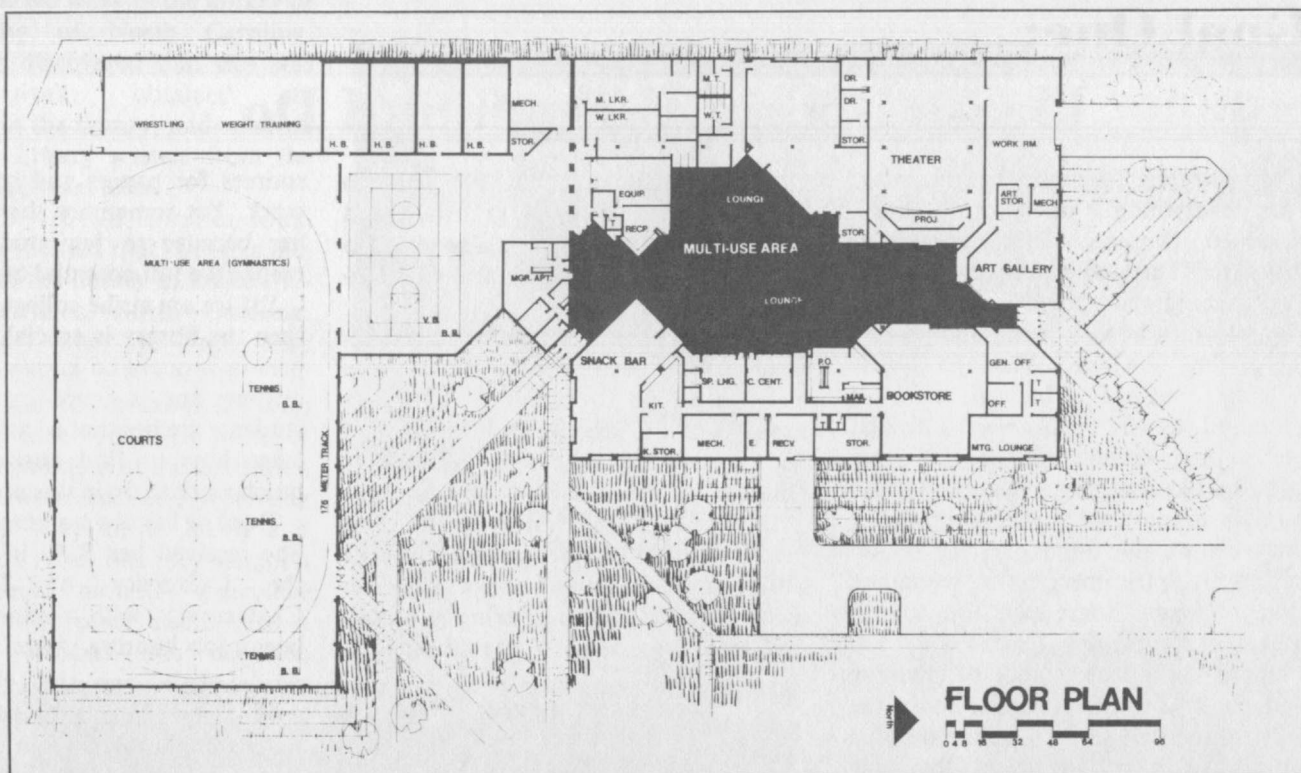






**John Kaericher, Associate Professor of Art**

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## The Arts in the Student Center

The new Student Center won't be a place just for physical activity and social life, but will feature an art gallery and a film theatre. "Art and theatre should be in the mainstream," said John Kaericher, Associate Professor and Chairman of the Art Department. With films, theatre, art and intramural sports in the same facility, "people might begin to realize that making a drawing or acting in a drama can be regarded as natural as throwing a ball . . . another human activity," he explained.

Emerging from the library basement to ground level in the new student center, the campus gallery will be located along the street side, thus being more accessible to the public. It will feature better lighting, suitable wall surfaces, and more space. A separate gallery for Northwestern's permanent fine arts collection will be adjacent to the main gallery for temporary exhibitions. Curatorial and art storage rooms will augment the gallery facilities. Many high school classes, along with other interested groups and gallery-going in-

dividuals, view monthly exhibitions from national and regional sources as well as works by local artists, students, and art faculty.

Besides expanding art gallery facilities, the student center will include a 250-seat film theatre. The present campus facilities for showing films are inadequate—classrooms are too small and the chapel, too barnlike with poor acoustics for film. In addition, the theatre will be used for lectures and small conferences, and as a studio theatre. Half of the chairs will be on movable platforms in order to create a theatre-in-the-round, thus offering students training in a variety of types of theatre.

In addition, the student center will house a technical theatre work room. The present facility in the basement of Van Peursem Hall is small, down two flights of stairs and through the wrestling room. Besides being larger, the new work room will have plumbing (which the present facility lacks), plus improved lighting and ventilation.



# Daphne Killion

## Goal One:

### Please God in Everything I Do

"I'm trying to come to the place where everything I do has one goal," explained Daphne Killion, reference librarian. "The goal is to please God."

"Reaching that point is like a man who was in a boat, rowing and rowing but getting nowhere. When he finally got smart and put up his sail, the wind came and he was on his way. Life and the exciting dimensions of the Holy Spirit are like that. When we try to go on our own strength we don't go anywhere; but, when we give ourselves over to God and let his Spirit energize us, we move. Things happen. Some days I'm able to do that, and some days I'm not."

Under the primary goal of pleasing God comes secondary goals, so in the daily business of living Daphne decided she needed to set priorities. Obviously she awarded her husband Howard, assistant professor of history at Northwestern, the number one position. "We view our marriage as a partnership, a team effort. The support we give each other is essential to our lives. This caring and sharing motivates each of us in our other work and responsibilities."

Daphne's son, two-and-a-half year old Gideon, claims the second position. In learning to function as a good parent, Daphne has devoured books about raising children and discusses child care with other parents. Having chosen to work outside the home, family times are automatically limited. Yet both Killions feel that the quality of time spent together, not the quantity, is most important.

The Killions make a conscious effort to introduce Gideon to the Lord. For Daphne, teaching His ways and His laws to Gideon parallels God's commands to the children of Israel. "When he is hurt, we pray; when he is obedient or does something kind, we tell him he makes Jesus happy; and with the aid of *My First Bible Story Book*, we have family devotions. On the sunny, summer days it's easy to point out the wonders of

God's beautiful creation. We want to encourage the spirit of gratitude and praise to our Creator. It's also great to be able to walk, jog, bike and swim together.

"Being a parent is exciting and challenging. You become less selfish as you learn to attend to the needs of others even when it is inconvenient to do so. I feel we are better people because of Gideon."

Daphne chose the library as her third priority. She enjoys people. As reference librarian, she has many opportunities to meet with students, answering questions and teaching them to use library re-

sources for papers and other collegiate work. Yet sometimes the job frustrates her because so few students seem to realize the full potential of the library.

"If we are at the college for education then the library is crucial. An educated person is one who knows where to find answers and is a self-learner. So many students are hesitant to ask questions, to learn how to find answers. We have much work to do in this area."

Daphne has always been a library fan. She received her B.A. in English from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a minor in art, and began job hunting. After a wide variety



Family times are important times for Daphne, husband Howard, and son Gideon. With both parents employed outside the home, the Killions stress quality time with their son and with each other. "Being a parent is exciting and challenging. You become less selfish as you learn to attend to the needs of others even when it is inconvenient to do so. I feel we are better people because of Gideon."



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of jobs she started work in the library of the University of North Carolina. Daphne soon discovered that this was enjoyable work, obtained an assistantship in the library, and received her M.A. in library science from the University three years later.

Her partiality to the libraries could also be due to the fact that she later met her husband in the library of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Following their marriage both were employed at a college in Michigan.

From Michigan to Northwestern is an interesting episode. In 1976 both of them resigned positions at the institution at which they were teaching, protesting what they felt were unfair hiring and firing practices. After this they sought a job for several months—someplace where one or the other could earn a living. Who worked was not the question; only that one of them was employed. The time came when there were only two more checks, and still no job possibilities.

Then in one week they were interviewed for two positions and offered jobs at both places. The interesting thing about the Northwestern offer was that they wanted both of the Killions, not just one; interesting because both enjoyed their careers and it seemed God was saying both should continue serving him accordingly.

Selling their house privately (instead of through a realtor), they completed the deal the night before leaving for Orange City, just in time to have money for their new home. Upon arrival they were able to find a house and have all the major repairs made in two weeks time. "We learned to trust God during those months," reminisced Daphne. "We were exercising our faith—telling God what we needed and then doing the necessary things."

"How quickly and easily things in the house progressed for us has been brought to our attention this past year," she laughed. "When we bought the house, the necessary repairs were done quickly and efficiently. Everyone was there when we needed him. Now we need some plumbing done and we've been waiting for months."



Spending time with other people, building relationships, is Daphne's number four priority. High on the list of "other people" are Howard's parents, Otto and Rachel, who live in Orange City. When Daphne and Howard moved, it conveniently worked that the elder Killions could move also. Otto teaches business courses at Northwestern and both grandparents are around to spend time with Gideon.

Church involvement for the Killions is also important as they build relationships. They belong to a Wednesday evening fellowship group and are members of American Reformed Church. At American, Daphne teaches a Sunday school class for two-year-olds.

"I've never had an opportunity to establish roots," confessed Daphne, whose father was a military officer. As a

child she lived in New York, New Jersey, Missouri, Hawaii, Japan, and Europe. "So we are looking forward to staying in Orange City for awhile. We enjoy the town and its people."

"And being in one place teaches us faithfulness in the mundane, everyday affairs of life," reflected Daphne. "Continually we re-evaluate our use of time, money and talents—trying to focus on the right priorities. For instance, the Psalms are full of injunctions to speak of God's mercies and faithfulness. Yet talking about God in daily Christian living without sounding trite is difficult. I've decided that the key is staying fresh in your personal relationship with God. Life is most exciting, when you are keenly aware of His working in your life. Sharing comes easily then."





# News Briefs

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

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## Recitals and Concerts from the Music Department

Northwestern's **A Cappella Choir** joined five area college choirs at Eppley Auditorium in Sioux City to present Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" and Brahms's "Song of Destiny" accompanied by the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Thomas Lewis.

The **A Cappella Choir** under the direction of Miss Kimberly Utke, presented their final home concert to a capacity audience at the First Reformed Church of Orange City on April 9. Professor Lawrence Van Wyk, former choir director, conducted the final number of the concert with the help of many former choir members who were in the audience.

**Kimberly Utke**, a member of the music faculty at NW, and **Ann Ourada**, first violinist for the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra's string quartet, "Avanti," presented a recital on April 30. The recital included works by Bach, Brahms, Leclair and Vaughan Williams.

**Mary Lou Wielenga**, a member of the Music faculty at NW, presented a recital on the new Phelps organ at the American Reformed Church on May 2. The recital featured music depicting the life of Christ including music by Bach, Distler and Marcel Dupre.

The NW College **Women's Chorus**, **Chapel Choir**, and the **Sioux County Orchestra** presented a concert on May 3. The Women's Chorus directed by Mary Lou Wielenga, the Chapel Choir under the direction of Kimberly Utke, and the Orchestra united to perform "Finlandia" by Sibelius as their final number, under the direction of Dr. Herbert Ritsema.

The **Concert Band**, **Stage Band**, and numerous small groups presented a pops concert May 5. Besides popular music, the musicians treated the audience to ice cream.



## Northwestern Presents THE MATCHMAKER

The New York Times called **The Matchmaker** "loud, slapdash and uproarious . . . something extraordinarily funny and original." The Northwestern College Theatre Department presented this mad-cap American comedy by Thornton Wilder on April 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29. Thornton Wilder's **The Matchmaker** is about an old merchant of Yonkers, New York,

who is so rich that he decides to take a wife. To this end he employs a matchmaker, a woman who subsequently becomes involved with two of his menial clerks, assorted young and lovely ladies, and the headwaiter at an expensive restaurant where this swift farce runs headlong into a hilarious climax of complication.

Shown in **The Matchmaker** are Janelle Miedema, Leanne De Vos, Tom Heiman, Norlan Van Gorp, Timm Dalman, Steve Branch, and Denise Knudsen.

## '78-'79 Cultural Programs

A preview of special cultural events during the 1978-79 school-year at Northwestern tentatively includes an organ recital by Bernard Bartelink; art exhibits; films on "How Shall We Then Live" by Francis Schaeffer; a lecture on marriage by Lars Granberg; a history lecture by Ron Wells, Roberts or Marsden; a Bible as lit speaker, perhaps Leland Ryken; a literary figure such as Annie Dillard; a lecture by Jim Wallis; Katherine Henjum, vocalist; Star of Bethlehem lecture; instrumental orchestra; two foreign films; a theatre troupe such as Lamb's Players or Creamery Theatre; and a black studies/culture program.

## Alpha Psi Omega Presents Awards

Yearly awards were recently presented by Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary theatre and speech club of Northwestern College.

For the school year 1977-78, the outstanding actor in a major role award was presented to Norlan Van Gorp as Barnaby Tucker in **The Matchmaker**. Nina Evans in her role as Esmerelda in **Cinderella**, received the outstand-

ing actress in a major role award.

Brian Bronzynski was named outstanding actor in a supporting role for his role as Rudolph in **The Matchmaker**. The outstanding actress in a supporting role award was presented to Deb Tiemens as Mary in **The Play of Christmas**.

The technical theatre award went to John Weygandt for costumes in **Cinderella**.



## Spring Leaves Awards Announced

Ruth Zwald and Mary Van Rheenen received first place awards for their contributions to Spring Leaves, the annual literary publication of the NWC English Department. Joan Zwagerman received a second place award, and Linda Vander Maten and Barb Weiss tied for third.

Hugh Cook and Lillian Drake, and the editorial staff of Spring Leaves, rated the best writings from this year's selections. The editorial staff this year consisted of faculty members Roy Anker, Jim Vanden Bosch, and Kathy Pederson and students Leanne De Vos, Connie Bastemeyer, and Ron Van Dyke.

Mary Van Rheenen's first place essay, "In an Alien Land," was printed in **The Classic**, Spring 1978.

## Art Student League Announces Judge's Choices

The Art Student League of Northwestern College announced April 11, the judge's choice award selections by this year's Student Exhibition judge Professor Norman Matheis of Dordt College.

The judging categories and choices are Drawing, "Self-Contour" by Bryan Van Gorp; Painting, "American Renaissance" by Cathleen Benberg; Print-making, "The Bird of Happiness," an etching by Rhonda Pennings; Sculpture, "Self Portrait" by Robert Jenkins; and Photography, "Winter" by Deborah Beeghly.

**Shown are award winners (left to right): Rhonda Pennings, Deb Beeghly, Cathleen Benberg, and Bob Jenkins.**

Local businesses—the Dutch Mill Pharmacy, Jim's Shop, Village Drug, Ben Franklin, and the Northwestern Bookstore—donated gift certificates for the judge's choices.

The opening night of the Northwestern Student Exhibition in Ramaker Library Gallery featured the judge's selections and a gallery talk by Matheis.

## Farmer Speaks on Organic Farming

Dick Thompson, an organic farmer from Boone, Iowa, spoke to agri-business classes, the local Christian Farmer's Organization, and others at Northwestern College, April 17.

Thompson, who received his master's degree in animal science from Iowa State University, used modern farming techniques for a number of years. But because Thompson and his family were overworked at peak times of the year, and because of livestock diseases, along with other reasons,

they decided to try organic farming.

Thompson began a five-year crop rotation, and used manure and compost to replace chemicals. He now has less wind and water erosion and needs less herbicides and pesticides. His farm is more diverse, he has less financial debt, and he used older equipment. Corn is harvested on the ear and the work is spread throughout the year. And it's profitable.

"My first priority is to take care of the land," explains Thompson.



## Tuthill Lectures

Mr. John W. Tuthill, former American Ambassador to the European Economic Community and to Brazil, now president of the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies, was a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow at Northwestern College during the week of April 23.

The Visiting Fellows program attempts to broaden young people's understanding of American society by bringing college students face to face with successful men and women from business, journalism, government, diplomacy, and the professions. During campus visits, Visiting Fellows share with students and faculty their concerns about such issues as public and private morality, the role of the press in public affairs, and the ability of an economic system to deal with society's problems.

## Minnie Hoekman Presents Gift

Northwestern College recently received a gift in excess of \$8000.00 from the estate of the late Minnie Hoekman of Corsica, South Dakota. Hoekman stated that the gift be equally divided between Northwestern's Endowment Fund and Rotary Loan Fund.

Wallinga stated that Hoekman's wish was to insure the quality and continuation of Christian education for future generations. He added: "Minnie Hoekman was a visionary person who provided for higher Christian education through her lifetime and also for the future."



## Shekinah Tours

"Shekinah", a contemporary gospel singing group, directed and accompanied by Mr. Roland Simmelink, enjoyed a four-day tour with performances in Hollandale, MN, Oostburg, WI, and Fulton, IL. They also performed several times in area churches and presented their final concert of the season at the Trinity Reformed Church of Orange City on May 7. The musical group is composed of eight NW students.

## New Song

Northwestern's David Vander Laan and Bonnie Jorgenson co-hosted "The Presence of New Song" on KVDB Radio, Sioux Center, on the afternoon of May 6.

"The purpose of the special afternoon was to acquaint the public with a new dimension in Christian music," said Vander Laan.

## Students Honored

Jayne Black and Cathy Weiss recently presented papers at the seventh annual CMA Chemistry seminar at Dordt College. Jayne's paper was entitled "Banning the Delaney Clause: Does Benefit Outweigh Risk" and Cathy's paper was entitled "Metal Ion Interactions of Nucleotides: Transition Metal Ion Interactions with Fluorescent Derivatives of Adenosine." Dr. Peter Hansen and Dr. Harold Hammerstrom attended the seminar along with 14 other NW students.

Dan Kappers was one of 500 students selected to attend the Ninth Annual National Student Symposium sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency held in Washington D.C. The symposium dealt with the "Dilemmas of Shared Power and Divided Government." Dan's trip was sponsored by the NW history department and the Student Senate.

Deborah Tiemens, freshman, was awarded the Cyndy Rowenhorst Memorial Scholarship in Voice for the 1978-79 academic year. Runner-up was Barbara Weiss.

Margo Slickers, senior, was named the recipient of a March of Dimes Health Careers Award. Margo plans to use the \$500 award toward her study at the University of Iowa School of Medicine next year.



## "Country Sunshine" and Raft Races

"Country sunshine" emanated from the Northwestern campus April 27-30, at least in spirit! That's the theme of May Day

weekend, under the direction of Northwestern students Jolene Venenga and Doug Scholten.

Activities included crowning

Judy Lundt as queen, the performance of a professional frisbee team, the traditional raft races, and a Tom Howard concert.

## NWC to Offer Social Work Major

Northwestern will offer a social work major beginning in the fall of 1978.

"The need for professional social workers is very high, especially in the Christian community," explained Ben Wiese, chairman of the department of behavioral sciences. "Many of our

students have expressed interest in such a major and experts in the field advise this type of development. Therefore, we will offer a social work major through our department."

The major will consist of 47 hours in the following areas: 32 hours of social work core courses,

15 hours concerning behavior and social environment, and 19 hours in social work electives and supportive courses. These electives must include nine hours of social science, two of natural science, two in oral communication, and at least six hours of Spanish.

## "Just Pure Communication"

From the fish hatchery to bus pushing, 50 folks had a "refreshing" weekend at the 2nd Annual Handicap Retreat at Lake Okoboji in April, according to Dr. Keith Hoskins of Northwestern.

The retreat involved students from Hope Haven in Rock Valley,

Handicap Village in Sheldon, the county homes and private homes in northwest Iowa. Staff members included area residents and Northwestern students, under the leadership of Beverly Vermeer of Sioux Center, Ken Ver Steeg of Hope Haven, and Hoskins.

"What's most refreshing about a weekend like this is that there's no superficiality, just pure communication," said Hoskins.

The local bridge marathon donated funds to assist in retreat expenses.

## Sociology Students Attend Seminar

A number of Northwestern students and faculty attended the College of Mid-America Joint Psychology-Sociology-Social Work Seminar at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, April 27. Kathy

Brownlee and Lisa Smith, in association with Dr. Dan M. Wrather, presented research papers in psychology; Merry Vriesen and Joyce Buys, in association with Mr. Ben Wiese and Dr. Steve

Cobb, participated in a sociology symposium. Each student participant was awarded a book prize by the CMA Association.





## Students Receive Awards

Northwestern College honored approximately 50 students at the annual Honors Convocation held Wednesday, May 3 in the chapel. Dr. Friedhelm Radandt, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, presided, assisted by seniors Dave Landegent and Cathy Weiss.

Eight juniors were invited to membership in Sigma Tau: Dan Kappers, Ruth Bakker, Susan Van Aartsen, Lori Balt, Reggie Smidt, Karen Roetman, Margaret Peters, and Nancy Wester.

The following students were recipients of individual honors: Hubert S. Muilenburg Bible Prize, Doug De Jong and Charles Focht; Moss Pre-Theological Scholarship, Doug De Jong; Sociology Award, Joyce Buys; Beacon Award, Sue Alderink and Dave Landegent; Lydia Garrido Memorial Award, Debra Hitchcock; Van Engelenhoven Scholarship, Ruth Bakker; English Award, Leanne De Vos; Spring Leaves Award, Ruth Zwald, Mary Van Rheenen, and Joan Zwagerman; Jackson Hospers Memorial Prize, Ruth Zwald and Dave Landegent; Barry Boersma Memorial Award, Tom Heiman; Dramatics Award, Tom Heiman; Stegeman Mission Essay, Richard Bawinkel and Carol Vander Ploeg; CRC Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award, Eunice Somsen; Grossmann Pre-Medical Scholarship, Daryl Beltman and Karen Roetman; Rev. and Mrs. J.C. Van Wyk Music Award, Dirk Lindner; Cyndy Rowenhorst Memorial Scholarship in Voice, Deborah Tiemens; Orchestra Award, Beth Paekel and Daryl Ter Horst; Student Teaching Award (Instrumental Music), Rod Anderson; Band Award, Mark Heijerman; Vocal Award, Rachel Van Maanen; Choir Award, Steve Maachia and Dale Vander Broek; Student Teaching

Award (Vocal Music), Minda Harmelink.

Recipients of grants were Hani Awad, Joyce Angus Mission Scholarship; Norimichi Odate, Henry Hospers Scholarship; Sharon Smits, Young Women's Missionary Scholarship; Debra Hitchcock, Vander Aarde Scholarship; John Weygandt, Tim Vander Ploeg, and Margaret Peters, Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Kooiker Scholarship; Bill Krogman, Van Oosterhout Award; Dirk Lindner, Evertt Franken Scholarship; and Larry Duenk and Christy Vandermeer, Vogel Mission Scholarship.

**Shown are the recent inductees into Sigma Tau [left to right]: Margie Peters, Ruth Bakker, Susan Van Aartsen, Reggie Smidt, Lori Balt, Dan Kappers, Nancy Wester, Faculty Advisor Lyle Vander Werff, and Karen Roetman.**

## AV Dept. Awarded Grant

Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa was recently named the recipient of a \$3200 grant for audio visual equipment.

The purpose of this Title VI grant of the Higher Education Act is to provide financial assistance for the acquisition of equipment, materials, and minor remodeling to improve undergraduate instructional institutions of higher education. This year, from 57 applications in Iowa, 27 projects

## Phi Beta Lambda Receives Awards

The NW College Business Club, Phi Beta Lambda, was awarded second place at the state leadership conference April 1. Doug Hannink was elected new state president. Three NW students qualify for the National Phi Beta Lambda Conference to be



## International Club Sponsors Dinner

The international students at NW sponsored a dinner for college and community friends on April 21. Profits from the dinner are used for the club's year long activities. International students at NW this past year were from Bahrain, Canada, Ethiopia, Israel, Japan, the Philippines and Taiwan.

were awarded a total of \$93,681. Northwestern was ninth on the list of 27.

The matching grant is to be used for audio visual and other types of equipment to be used specifically for instruction. According to Steve Ekdorn, director of audio visual services at Northwestern, the college was "honored and elated to receive the grant!"

held in San Francisco in July: Gary Simonson, Ron Kiel and Doug Hannink. Other award winners were Jodi Pennings, Tom Behrens, Lynn Roos, Herman Vink, Karl Dorr, Pat Archer and Rick Prange.

## Majors of Class of 1978

Art	2
Biology	11
Business Adm.	22 (4)
Business Education	6
Chemistry	0
Christian Education	9 (8)
English	7 (6)
German	1 (1)
History	2
Humanities (Elem.)	14 (1)
Journalism	1
Library Science	7 (7)
Mathematics	0
Math-Physics	3
Music	10 (1)
Natural Science (Elem.)	2
Natural Science	0
Philosophy	5 (4)
Physical Education	18 (4)
Psychology	8 (3)
Public Mgmt.	2
Recreation	5 (4)
Religion	7 (5)
Social Science (Elem.)	11 (2)
Social Science	2
Sociology	11 (5)
Spanish	0
Theatre and Speech	2 (1)

The number in parenthesis indicates the number of graduates with double majors.

## Booster Suppers

The Women's Auxiliary of Northwestern College recently held their sixth annual booster suppers, raising \$10,038.68 for Northwestern. Doris De Hoogh was overall chairperson.

The suppers, the auxiliary's largest single fund-raising event, are held annually in the spring.

## Women's Auxiliary Presents \$25,500 Gift

The Northwestern College Women's Auxiliary recently presented Northwestern College with a gift of \$25,500, to be used for the current \$18,000 project of refurbishing Heemstra Hall, and new acappella concert choir robes. The remainder of the gift will be used toward the 2-year commitment of the auxiliary to underwrite an additional staff person in the Northwestern development department.

Women from a tri-state area compose the Northwestern Women's Auxiliary.





## Chuck Focht Champ in National Wheelchair Archery

It's almost time for the World Wheelchair Games for Chuck Focht—he was named a member of the U.S. team at the National Games June 15-18 at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He won first place in the Modified American Round of Archery.

Focht's scores of 612 topped the National Games record of 596, and almost broke the top regional record of 618, shot at the Ohio Games last year. The second and third place scores this year were 567 and 564.

Focht will leave July 19 for England as one of 20 United States paraplegics to compete in the World Games.

Focht, a native of West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, graduated

from Northwestern College in May. He'd been training for the Wheelchair Games since March, in the Northwestern gymnasium and outside, competing at Regional Games in Minnesota, Colorado, and Illinois with financial assistance from the Raider Rooters and Main-Tainer Corporation in Sheldon.

Focht also competed at the National Games in table tennis, earning the fourth place award. He was defeated by the overall 100th ranked table tennis player in the U.S.

Archery rules in the Wheelchair Games are the same as regular archery rules, with 720 the perfect score. Modified American Archery is the same distance as collegiate archery, 60, 50, and 40 yards.

## Raider Rooters Become Official

The "Raider Rooters" have become an official non-profit organization affiliated with Northwestern College. Previously the Rooters were a branch of the Orange City Jaycees.

Bill Boote, the driving force

behind Raider Rooters since its inception in 1972, has been selected to head up the organization for 1978-79. Del De Haan is assistant chairman, to become chairman the following year.

The other 12 board members are Dan Kraai, Ben Jans, Stan De Haan, Cornie Wassink, Marv Zeutenhorst, Chuck Chabela, Larry Den Hartog, Bill Foreman, Merlyn Wallinga, Art Jonker, Paul De Jong, and Bill Verdoorn. Dave Vander Wel and Jack Van Rooyen will be added as board members if they consent.

Bill Saeger of Sioux County State Bank will serve as Executive Treasurer, Dennis Durband of the Capital as Executive Secretary, and Tom Juhl, Sports Director of KVDB Radio, Publicity Director.

This year the Raider Rooters will gather for luncheons during both the football and basketball seasons. Memberships will stay at \$2.50 per person and \$10 per family.

## Run for Fun

Northwestern's intramural department sponsored its first annual Run for Fun through the streets of Orange City in April.

Margie Peters won the women's two mile in a time of 16:53. Mark Reeme came home the winner of the 5000-meter in a time of 17:55, one second ahead of Ron Juffer.

Plans are to make the Run for Fun an annual spring and fall event.

## Alum Football Aug. 26

Raider Rooters are sponsoring this year's second annual Northwestern Alumni football game Sat., Aug. 26 on De Valois Field. Alumni will run through an unpadded practice at 1 p.m. followed by an alumni get-together at the Union. The game will start at 7 p.m. and a luncheon will follow.

The game will be played under regular conditions, with each player wearing a numbered jersey (many of the alumni players will be wearing their old familiar numerals), and programs will be available for the fans.

The event has received the endorsement of Northwestern's Athletic Director, Dr. Don Jacobsen, and Head Football Coach Larry Korver.

## Jane Van Loo Breaks Track Records

Jane Van Loo excelled in 1978 women's track, breaking several school records, including an 11.6 in the 100-yard dash and 26.2 in the 200-meter dash. Both Van Loo and Carolyn Penning competed at the AIAW Region 6 track and field championships in Emporia, Kansas.

NW senior Rob Van't Land served as head coach, with junior Doug Vander Berg assistant coach.

## NW Awarded All-Sports Trophy

For the fifth time in seven years, and in a thoroughly dominating manner, Northwestern College has won six of the eight sports

regulated by Tri-State competition and piled up 36½ points for the all-sports trophy.

### TRI-STATE CONFERENCE POINT TOTALS

Sport	NW	Westmar	Dordt	Yankton	SFC
Cross-country	5	3	4	0	2
Golf	5	3	2	4	1
Football	5	4	0	0	3
Basketball	5	1	3½	3½	2
Wrestling	3	4	0	5	0
Track	5	4	3	0	2
Tennis	4½	2	4½	1	3
Baseball	4	1½	3	5	1½
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36½</b>	<b>22½</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18½</b>	<b>14½</b>



## Softball Team Wins Conference

The Lady Raiders softball team under the coaching of Mary Ver Steeg, won the Io-Kota conference for the second straight season with a perfect 7-0 conference record and a 12-5 overall record. They also defeated Iowa Wesleyan and Drake, taking fifth in the 16-team double elimination state tournament.

Five members were selected to all-conference teams: Barb Bahrke, Judy Lundt, Miriam Van Riessen, Deb Hoogeveen, and Nette Ranschau.

## Baseball Ranks as Conference Runner-up

The Northwestern baseball team came within one game of winning the NAIA District 15 championship, defeating Graceland 7-1, Iowa Wesleyan 20-2, and then losing to Iowa Wesleyan 3-5 and 3-9. The Raiders ranked second in the Tri-State Conference, with a 5-3 record, under Yankton College.

Named to the all-conference teams are Kim Wieking and Randy Yoder, first team, and Gary Koenen and Dave Menning, second team. Yoder, Wieking, and Mike Meyer were named all-district.

The team's overall record under Coach Bob Boerigter was 18-18.

## Athletes Honored

Northwestern honored athletes May 3 at the annual athletic awards night. Special awards went to Keith Koele, Vander Stoep Award; Chris Yount, Outstanding Christian Athlete; and Rob Van't Land, George Dunlop Award.

Named most valuable players are Doug Tjeerdsma, cross country; Karen Woudstra, Linda Vander Stoep, women's tennis; Judy Vander Stoep, Cindy Ludwig, volleyball; Sue Intveld, women's golf; Lyle Korver, men's golf; Terry Van Berkum, football; Deb Hoogeveen, women's basketball; Jeff Kraayenbrink, Bob Rothenbuehler, men's basketball; Rick Seydel, wrestling; Barb Bahrke, softball ('77); Mark Mouw, Rudy Allen, men's tennis.



## Adamson 22nd in Drake Relays Marathon

Mark Adamson, running in the red and white of Northwestern, placed in the number 22 spot at the recent Drake Relay Marathon.

Over 1000 runners started with 800-plus runners finishing the 26-mile race. Adamson had an

excellent 2 hours, 33 minutes and 8 seconds.

Three other NW runners ran in their first marathon at Drake and all three finished the race: Doug Graves, 169th place; Pete Stevenson, 250th; and Rob Van't Land, 405th.

## Tennis Team Ties for Conference Champs

The Raider tennis team and Coach Stan McDowell finished the season with a share of the Tri-State Conference title, marking a first for this relatively new sport at NW. Dordt College tied with NW for the number one spot.

During the seven years NW has had a tennis team, the team has earned three second place finishes, including the second place in 1977.

Since the 1978 squad included only two seniors, the future looks very bright. Returning will be freshman Cal Dean, who wrapped up the season as the number one

singles champion and teamed up with junior Mark Mouw for the championship in the top flight of doubles.

Rudy Allen will be back for his senior year. Allen ended the season as the number three singles champion. The number five singles champion also returns: junior Wayne Westenburg.

Dean and Allen also made it to the final two in District play, leading NW to a third place tie in District 15 with Dordt. Mouw, Allen, Dean and Westenburg were named to the all-conference team.

## Drake Relays First for NW

A milestone was reached in the world of intercollegiate athletics at NW when its 1600-meter (mile) relay team captured a first place in the Iowa College division of the highly respected Drake Relays. The winning time was 3:18.6.

The relay team consisted of four underclassmen, Dwayne Camarigg, Terry Johnson, Doug Vander Berg, and Elson Schutt.

Vander Berg and Schutt were also members of the 400-meter relay team which captured a 4th place finish, along with Garry Brumels, and Roy Van Loo.

## Men's Track with Tri-State Title, Compete in Nationals

The Tri-State Conference track and field meet provided another athletic first for Northwestern. In 18 years of Tri-State track competition, the Raiders had never finished higher than third, and NW wound up in last place in seven of those conference track meets. This spring the Raiders, under the guidance of Coach Mel Tjeerdsma, scored 76 and put their closest challenger Westmar, away by 25 points.

Three Raiders competed in the national NAIA meet at Abilene, Texas, with Mark Adamson finishing eighth in the marathon, running the 26-mile, 385-yard course in two hours, 33.04 seconds. Dwayne Camarigg smashed his own school record in the 800-meter run with a 1:53.0. He was one of eight in the nation to make it to the finals, and placed seventh.

Intermediate hurdler Doug Vander Berg had the best non-qualifying time in the prelims, a 54.3. His time was ninth best in the nation.

## Men's Golf 3rd in district

Loras College grabbed the team title at the NAIA District 15 golf meet with a total of 648, followed by Iowa Wesleyan with 658 and Northwestern at 664.

Northwestern's Daryl Beltman made the five-member District 15 team, shooting 81.



# Alumni News



## Class of '38 Holds Reunion

Seventeen members of the Academy Class of 1938 and their guests attended their 40 year class reunion on Saturday, May 13 in Orange City. The day began with a tour of Orange City conducted by a class member **Homer De Boer** at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. **Ann Schoep** Groen and her husband Calvin were hosts at a tea in their home at 3:00 p.m. Later in the afternoon Mr. Ralph Mouw conducted a tour of the college campus. At 7:00 p.m. the group enjoyed a dinner at Fern Smith Hall which was prepared

and served by Consolidated Food Service of Northwestern College. Members of the class attending were **Chris B. Jacobs**, **Genevieve Slothouber** Mouw, **Homer De Boer**, **Donald Vander Ploeg**, **Blanche De Jong** Arner, **Eleanor Bomgaars** Van Horsen, **J. Arthur Grull**, **Robert Bonnecroy**, **Ann Schoep** Groen, **Myron Van Peurse**m, **Pearl Herwynen** Kuyper, **George Genant**, **Margaret Andringa** Van Heuvelen, **Cynthia Den Hartog** Brantsen, **Anna Hibma** Schaap, **Fred Hoekman** and **John**

**Reinsma**. Other guests included former teachers: Mr. and Mrs. **George Russman**, Miss **Helen Rozeboom**, **Fern Smith Rowenhorst** and **NW College President Virgil** and Mrs. **Rowenhorst** and **Director of Development Robert Wallinga** and Mrs. **Wallinga**. The committee in charge of planning and arrangements included **Robert** and Mrs. **Bonnecroy**, **Homer** and Mrs. **De Boer**, Mr. and Mrs. **Calvin Groen** (**Ann Schoep**) and Mr. and Mrs. **Ralph Mouw** (**Genevieve Slothouber**).

Returning to Northwestern for the class of '38 reunion were [left

## Class of '28 Joins 50 Year Circle

Shown at the get-together May 15 are [left to right] **Dora Klay De Jong**, **Helen Rozeboom**, Mrs. and Mr. **John Kempers**, **Fred Stuart**, **Greta De Jong Eason**, **Hester Cleveringa Vande Garde**, **Gilberta Van Beek Stuart**, **Alys Eringa Beltman**, **Fannie Schutt Cleveringa**, **Edith Roetman Kraai**, **Margaret Muilenburg Vander Wilt**, **Matilda Lubbers Schoep**, **Mathilda De Jong Sterrenberg**, **B.G. Vander Berg**, **Jeane De Jong Vander Berg**, and **Mathilda Muyskens**.

Five members of the Academy Class of 1928 were among those who attended the 50 Year Circle reunion on May 15 at a luncheon in Fern Smith Hall. New inductees were **Matilda (Lubbers) Schoep**, **Fred Stuart**, **Gilberta (Van Beek) Stuart**, **Jeane (De Jong) Vander Berg** and **Alys (Eringa) Beltman**. Others attending the event were **Mathilda (De Jong '12) Sterrenberg**, **Mathilda Muyskens '15**, **John Kempers '17** and Mrs. **Kempers**, **Helen Rozeboom '17**, **Dora (Klay) De Jong '17**, **Margaret (Muilenburg '23) Vander Wilt**, **Fannie (Schutt '23) Cleveringa**, **Hester (Cleveringa '26) Vande Garde**, **B.G. Vander Berg '26**, **Edith (Roetman '27) Kraai**, **Greta (De Jong '27) Eason**. **Margaret (De Jong '32) Vander Wel** served as hostess for the event. Other guests included **Stan Van Peurse**m '66, President of the Alumni Association and **Director of Development Robert Walling** and Mrs. **Wallinga**. The luncheon was served by members of the Alumni Association.

to right] Miss **Helen Rozeboom** [teacher], **George Genant**, Mrs. **Bob Kuiper** [**Pearl Herwynen**], Mrs. **Cal Groen** [**Ann Schoep**], **Arthur Grull**, **Frederick Hoekman**, Mrs. **J. Bomgaars** [**Eleanor Van Horsen**], **Chris Jacobs**, Mrs. **John Schaap** [**Anna Hibma**], **Donald Vander Ploeg**, Mrs. **Bernard Van Heuvelen** [**Margaret Andringa**], **Bob Bonnecroy**, Mrs. **John Brantsen** [**Cynthia Den Hartog**], Mrs. **Ralph Mouw** [**Genevieve Slouthouber**], **Homer De Boer**, **Fern Smith** [teacher], Mrs. **Doug Arner** [**Blanche De Jong**], **Myron Van Peurse**m, Mr. and Mrs. **George Russman** [teacher], and **John Reinsma**.

## Western Michigan Alums

Thirty-six Northwestern College alumni living in the western Michigan area and their guests met together on Friday, April 28 at the Hope Reformed Church of Grand Rapids for a dinner meeting. A new alumni chapter to be known as the Western Michigan Northwestern alumni chapter was organized. **Mary Lou (Blom '69) Bomgaars** and **Vernon Bomgaars '70** were hosts for the occasion. **Ronald K. De Jong ('71)**, Director of Admissions at Northwestern College was present to give an update of happenings on the Northwestern Campus. Those present were **Bruce ('74)** and **Barbara (Heyman '75) Alderink**, **Mark ('71)** and **Kay Bultema**, **Merrita Smide ('71)**, **Joan Durband ('76) Dick** and **Mary (Abbring '65) Welscott**, **Frank and Kaye Van Dyken ('68)** Apotheker, **Gerald ('69)** and **Janice (Dykhuisen '69) Dykstra**, **Fred and Kathleen (De Jonge '69) Minnaar**, **Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mulder ('71)**, **Esther Rozendaal ('52)**,

**Wayne ('65) and Gloria (Brink '67) Klomprens**, **Bruce ('71) and Beverly (Van Nyhuis '73) Holwerda**, **Merlyn ('68) and Beverly (Gaalswyk '68) De Vries**, **Dr. and Mrs. Corwin Smidt ('68)**, **Mr. and Mrs. David Schreuder ('70)**, **Rev. and Mrs. Albert Mansen ('34)**, **Linda Leslie ('76)**, **Mark Kraai ('70)**, **Richard ('71) and Marsha (Oliver '71) Hoffman**, **Dr. John Edward ('38) and Betty (Bronkema '38) Hibam**, **mr. and Mrs. Lawrence De Cook ('27)**, **Steve ('68) and Kathy (Schreur '70) Penna**, **Paul and Lorreta (Beukelman '72) Smith**, and **Phil and Stephanie (Durband '75) Doeschot**. **Mary Lou and Vernon Bomgaars** were appointed to call the next meeting. If there are alums living in Western Michigan who were not informed of the first meeting, please send your name and correct address to the Alumni Office at Northwestern College or write to **Vernon Bomgaars, 4433 Curwood S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508** so you may receive the next announcement.



### identify alumni

Way to go, Leon Korte! **Leon ('75)** of Athens, Ohio, was the first person outside of Orange City to identify **Merrita Smidt** (shown on the left, during her college days).

After graduating from Northwestern in 1971, **Merrita** worked 2½ years with youth ministry at Manitoqua in Frankfort, Illinois. She then obtained a master's degree in social work from the University

of Iowa and taught social work at Silliman University in Dumaguete City, Philippines for 2½ years. Presently she's working with Bethany Christian Services and the Reformed Church in America in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Now to identify another alum. Write to Identify Alumni, Northwestern College if you recognize this alumna on the right.

## Class Notes

**'36 Ruth Muyskens Van Engen** and her husband the Rev. **Garold Van Engen** have retired from missionary work in Chiapas, New Mexico after 35 years of service. They were honored at a farewell gathering of Reformed Church missionaries in Chiapas last March and at a reception and open house at the Trinity Reformed Church of Orange City in May. The Van Engens plan to live in Orange City, Iowa where they have purchased a home.



**'41 Otto Huizenga**, who has been a salesman for the Colgate Palmolive Company of New York for several years, was named Salesman of the Year 1977 for the West Central Region. He has received many awards for outstanding salesmanship in past years and once again in April 1978 he was recognized for Outstanding Performance in military sales for the first quarter with percentage of quota over 105%. In recognition of this he and Mrs. Huizenga won a mini vacation for 1978 to the resort of their choice. The Huizengas chose to spend their vacation at the Broadmoor Hotel at Colorado Springs. The Otto Huizengas presently live at 6904 E. Eastman Avenue in Denver, Colorado and are active at the University Hills

Christian Nursing Home and Living Center where Otto served as chairman on the Bridge to Fulfillment Campaign.

**'51 Dr. C. Orville Kool** has become the pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Sioux City, Iowa. Since 1973 he served the 700 member congregation of the First Baptist church of Bethalto, Illinois. Dr. Kool holds a B.A. degree from Westmar College, The Master of Divinity Degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1976 he graduated from the Robert Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership in Garden Grove, California. Mr. and Mrs. Kool (the former **Joyce Woodward '46**) are the parents of four children.

**'54 J. David Muyskens** received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May. He presently serves as pastor of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

**'58 Carl De Jong** recently accepted a call to become the pastor of the First Reformed Church of Hospers, Iowa. He came to Iowa from Los Angeles, California where he had served as pastor of the Hope Community Church.

**'62 Lucretia Porter Bilsland** was awarded special recognition at the Iowa State Federation of Women's Clubs Awards banquet held recently in Des Moines. Mrs. Bilsland was awarded a pin for being the first Century Award Reader in Epsilon Sigma Omicron, the objective of which is "to foster and encourage literary interests among club women."

**'65 David and Janice (Edwards) Korver** have left Orange City, Iowa to become affiliated with Good News Christian Fellowship, an inter-denominational ministry that focuses on young people and servicemen in the Netherlands. For the past six years Dave and Jan have considered entering some phase of Christian evangelism work and they learned about the Good News Christian Fellowship through **Hans and Cheryl Peters ('69)** Cornelder who have been engaged in a similar work for several years.

### Coming Events

1978 N-Day . . . . . Sat., Sept. 2  
Dave Kleis, Chairman  
Alan De Graaf, Asst. Chairman  
Homecoming . . . . Sat., Sept. 30  
Parents' Day . . . . Sat., Nov. 4



Dave, an optometrist, has been practicing in Orange City for the past few years. He is a graduate of Pacific University School of Optometry. The Korvers with their three children, Kari, Kurt and Kellee, can be reached at The Shalom House, Arnhemseweg 107, Leusden, Netherlands, after June 20, 1978.

**'67 Glenn Brower** has become owner of Glenn Brower Clothier in Sheldon. The Store was formerly known as The White House. Before moving to Sheldon Glenn was associated with Eddie Quinn Clothing in Spencer, Iowa. Mrs. Brower is the former **Glenda Koerselman '69**.

**'68 Francene Verburg Dykstra**, her husband Dan and two children moved to Sheldon, Iowa recently from Pine Island, Minnesota. Dan is engaged in farming in the Sheldon area.

**'70 Roland Roghair** was the recipient of the "Outstanding Young Educator of the Year Award" in Humboldt, Iowa recently. He was nominated for his outstanding interest in school and community affairs and for being instrumental in attaining a computer system for the Humboldt High School where he is a mathematics instructor.

**Herman Vander Maten** received an M.S. degree at Iowa State University in Educational Administration in May.

**'72 Franklin De Graaf**, a 1978 graduate of Western Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to become Associate Pastor of the Fellowship Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan. He will be ordained into the Gospel Ministry at the Reformed Church of Newkirk, Iowa on June 26. Mrs. De Graaf is the former **Brenda Rensink ('73)**.

**Peter Zevenbergen Jr.** recently received a Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of Iowa and has accepted a psychiatric social work position with Hillcrest Family Services in Des Moines.

**'73 Norbert and Vera (De Boer) Bradley** moved to Lenox, Iowa where Norbert has accepted a principalship in the Lenox Schools. Vera will become librarian at the high school of Creston, Iowa. The Bradleys formerly lived at Ankeny, Iowa.

**Tom and Diane (Vander Stoep) Vander Broek** were recently accepted by Mission Aviation Fellowship as new staff members for overseas assignment to Indonesia. As a missionary pilot-mechanic, Tom will serve both missions and the national church in their outreach ministry with headquarters in Fullerton, California. Mission Aviation Fellowship is a non-denominational service agency whose operations extend to 21 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, with more than 100 aircraft and 200 specialists providing transportation and communication services to over 50 mission and church

Van Regenmorter is the former **Linda Buseman ('75)**.

**Earl Hulst** was named head baseball coach at the High School in Sheldon, Iowa for the 1978-'79 academic year. He also teaches junior high social studies and coaches football, girls' basketball and track at the junior high level. Earl began his teaching career in Ireton and after one year moved to Archer, Iowa in the Sheldon School system where he remained for two years before moving to Sheldon's Central School in 1976.

**Marlin Meendering** graduated from Western Theological Seminary in May, 1978 and has become



**Mike Gray in Northwestern's production Noah.**

agencies. Since leaving Northwestern, Tom and Diane spent three months training in Mexico, a year at Reformed Bible College in Grand Rapids, Michigan and another three years at Tulsa, Oklahoma where Tom earned commercial, instrument, flight instructor and multi engine pilot ratings as well as his aircraft mechanic license at Spartan School of Aeronautics. Diane taught elementary art for three years while Tom was attending Spartan. The Vander Broeks have a daughter Cora Francine.

**Philip Somsen** was ordained as a minister of the Reformed Church in America on June 7. He is a 1978 graduate of Western Theological Seminary and he with his wife, the former **Evelyn Van Bruggen '74** and two daughters are living in Leota, Minnesota where he serves as pastor of the Bethel Reformed Church.

**'74 Wayne Van Regenmorter**, a 1978 graduate of Western Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to serve as associate pastor of the Calvary Reformed Church of Ripon, California. Mrs.

the pastor of the South Blendon Reformed Church in Michigan.

**Daniel E. Meylink** has been named assistant vice president and assistant actuary for United of Omaha, the principal life insurance affiliate of Mutual of Omaha. Dan attended Northwestern College for one year and received his B.A. degree in Mathematics from the University of Iowa in 1974. Dan's wife is the former **Judith Van Wyk '74**.

**'75 Dennis Dykstra** is currently in his 3rd year of teaching in the Central De Witt School as a teacher of junior high science and a coach of football, wrestling and track. Mrs. Dykstra (**Karen Vander Laan**) is employed at the Gateway YWCA in Clinton, Iowa as Health and Recreation Director. She is in charge of the swimming pool and teaches swimming to infants up through the senior citizen group.

**Charles Kleinhesselink** was recently ordained as a minister of the Reformed Church in America and he was installed as associate pastor of the Faith Reformed Church in Midland Park, New

Jersey. Mrs. Kleinhesselink is the former **Nelva Van Wyk '75**.

**Mike Gray** has become the Director of Drama at Northwestern College of Roseville, Minnesota. He earned his Master's Degree in Theater recently at Mankato State University and was honored at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. by the American College Theater Association in recognition of the merit of his master's thesis dealing with Christian theater. While at Northwestern in Orange City Mike was active in all phases of the Theater and Drama Department and played outstanding parts in several college plays. Mike is married to the former **Colleen Miller ('78)** and along with their other duties they serve as head residents in one of the student dormitories at Northwestern College of Roseville.

**'76 Debra Lacey** completed her Master's Degree in Social Sciences with emphasis in Student Development at Azusa Pacific College in California. She accepted a position at Wheaton College on the student affairs staff as Resident Director for their freshman hall. She will train a staff of 12 and will be involved in personal and career counseling.

**Linda Leslie** has joined the Admissions Department at Northwestern College as student recruiter. She formerly served as Director of Youth and Education at the First Reformed Church of Grant, Michigan. This summer Linda will be engaged in Church extension work in the quad-cities area of Iowa.

**Dennis Durband** has become news editor of the Sioux County Capital in Orange City. A journalism major at Northwestern, Dennis served as sports information editor for college publications. Upon graduation he served as news and sports editor for the Sioux Center News for about two years.

**Jay and Mary (Hammerstrom '78) De Zeeuw** are living Spencer, Iowa where Jay is teaching and Mary is employed at the Spencer Hospital.

**'77 Brenda Ekdorf** earned the B.S. degree at the University of Iowa in May. She has accepted a teaching position at Osage, Iowa in special education.

**Jane (Te Grotenhuis)** Van Gorp is presently teaching Special Education at the elementary school of Tipton, Iowa while her husband **David Van Gorp** attends the University of Iowa.

**Jeff De Haan** is working at the Orange City Municipal Hospital this summer as part of a program designed to provide University of Iowa medical students with a first hand introduction to the practice of medicine. The ten week program is called the Medical Education Community Orientation project. Its goal is to produce a redistribution of physician power in the U.S. by attracting students to community situations while they have an opportunity to evaluate their career and education choices.

**'78 Dale Vander Broek** has been accepted into professional training at the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine at Kirksville, Missouri.

**Denise Den Hartog** will participate in the Adventure in Mission program of the Reformed Church in America by assisting with programs at Bethany Memorial Reformed Church in New York City.

**Ted Hook** has been accepted into physical therapy training at the Mayo School of Health Related Sciences in Rochester, Minnesota. He will begin study in August followed by one year of internship.

**Sharon Rau** has been appointed librarian at Hillcrest Christian College in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada.

**Marlys Ubben** will work at Riverside Reformed Church in Bloomington, Minnesota as part of the Adventure in Mission program of the Reformed Church in America.

**Nita (Bloemendaal)** Savage graduated from the University of Iowa School of Business Administration with high distinction in May.

**Deborah Dunlop** graduated from Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing on May 20. She accepted a position at Bannock Memorial Hospital at Pocatello, Idaho.

**Debi Sinkey** leaves June 30 to participate in the Intern in Mission Program of the Reformed Church in America. She will teach English as a second language on a high school or college level for one year in Taiwan.

## Des Moines Alums to Meet

A reunion of the Northwestern College Alumni living in or within traveling distance of Des Moines, Iowa will be held Sunday, September 24, 1978 at the Meredith Drive Reformed Church, 5128 NW Meredith Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50323. The meeting will begin with a potluck supper at 5:30 followed by musical numbers provided by students from North-

western College. Other college representatives will be on hand to bring an update of happenings at Northwestern College. All alumni and friends are invited to attend. **Nick Aalbers '66** is in charge of arrangements. His address is 6633 Holcomb Ave., Des Moines 50322. Further announcements will be sent at a later date.

## Who do you nominate?

Each year at Homecoming Northwestern honors an Alumnus of the Year. The tradition began last year when Alfred M. Popma was honored.

The Honors Committee would

like your assistance. Send your nominations for Alumnus of the Year to the Alumni Office anytime. Each year in the late spring or early summer the Alumnus of the Year is selected.

## Marriages

**Nita Bloemendaal ('78)** and Steven Savage

**Brian Goslinga ('80)** and Carla Van Zanten

**Lester Ackerman ('74)** and Linda Marie Lower

## Births

Mr. ('74) and Mrs. **Alan Donaldson (Linda Schoep '72)** Daughter—Carissa Ann

Mr. ('67) and Mrs. **Gerald Bouma** Daughter—Caron Leigh

Mr. ('76) and Mrs. **John Van Wyk Jr.** Son—Jason Jon

Mr. ('75) and Mrs. **Mitch Bengard** Daughter—Marne Merie

Mr. ('71) and Mrs. **Robert Schalekamp** Daughter—Jacki Lee  
Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Grooters (Lynn Smit '73)** Daughter—Daneal Renae

Mr. ('75) and Mrs. **Thomas Reuvers** Daughter—

Mr. ('73) and Mrs. **Carl Moss (Nancy Muilenburg '73)** Daughter—Sherri Lynn

Mr. ('72) and Mrs. **Wallace Boogerd** daughter—Kristin Lynn

Mr. ('70) and Mrs. **Robert Boerigter** Son—Marc Robert

Mr. ('76) and Mrs. **John Hubers (Lynn Lenderink '76)** Daughter—Jennifer Ann

Mr. ('74) and Mrs. **Douglas Van Meeteren** Daughter—Erica Lynn

Mr. and Mrs. **Myron Guthrie (Mary Heemstra '69)** Daughter—Lisa Christine

Mr. and Mrs. **Terry Harvet (Larena Van Surksum '64)** Son—Andrew Scott

Rev. ('70) and Mrs. **Perry Raak (Cheryl Ravenhorst '70)** Daughter—Tineke Marie

Mr. ('69) and Mrs. **Duane Haack** Son—Nathan Jon

Mr. ('72) and Mrs. **Lyle Fikse (Linda Gernhart '74)** Son—Chad

Mr. and Mrs. **David Claassen (Diane Blom '72)** Son—Daniel John

Mr. ('76) and Mrs. **Marty Hodgen (Barbara Te Brink '76)** Son—Beau Matthew

Mr. and Mrs. **Arie Reekers (Nora Bloemendaal '71)** Twin sons—Chad Austin and Curt Benjamin

Mr. ('74) and Mrs. **Glen Hammerstrom** son—Christopher Alan

Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Vander Broek (Ruth Boender '74)** Daughter—Collae Lynn

## Necrology

**Jacob C. Hospers '03** passed away at the home of his daughter in Alexandria, Minnesota at the age of 94. He was born in Orange City and attended the Northwestern Classical Academy. His wife who preceded him in death was the former Cecilia Knittel.

**Lewis E. Mieras '33** passed away in Sioux City, Iowa at the age of 70. He was born in Maurice, Iowa in 1907 and farmed in that area for several years. He and his brother owned and operated the Million Dollar Service Station at Maurice and in 1936 Mr. Mieras moved to Sioux City where he and his family owned and operated apartment houses. Lewis was a veteran of World War II, serving as an interpreter in Germany, a member

and elder of the Third Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, a member of the Gideon Society and Monahan Post 64 of the American Legion, and a member of the board of directors of the Sioux City Gospel Mission. His wife is the former Lillie E. Hamel. Other survivors include two sons and a daughter.

**Jeanine A. Berkenaps '66** died in a Sioux City Hospital of a long illness at the age of 34. She attended Northwestern College for 1½ years and received her B.S. degree in home economics from South Dakota State University at Brookings and the M.A. degree in child development from the University of Nebraska. Jeanine taught one year in Turkey for the U.S. Air Force School, two years at Wellsburg, Iowa and most recently at East and West High Schools in Sioux City. She is survived by her parents, four brothers and a sister including **Alden Berkenpas '63** and **Carl Berkenpas '59**.

**Kenneth J. Poppen, M.D. '40** passed away in March 1978 at Chico, California. He had reached the age of 58.

**Elmer Den Herder '26** passed away Friday, June 2 at the age of 69 after a long illness. Elmer had served as Representative in the Iowa legislature for 22 years and had decided not to seek another term. Governor of Iowa, Robert Ray said of Elmer, "Perhaps we will remember Elmer Den Herder most for the kind of human being he was and how he sought always to help others. He was a very moral person whose integrity was beyond question. He served faithfully for a number of years on our Governor's Prayer Breakfast Committee and it was Elmer's steadfast belief in the power of God's will which sustained him with such strength and courage during his long illness." Mr. Den Herder was married to the former Christine Vreeman and he was the father of six children including **Paul ('57)** and **Phil ('61)**. Two sons preceded him in death. Mr. Den Herder was a past president of the Sioux County Farm Bureau and the County Youth Fair Board, a 4-H Club Chairman and leader, Chairman of the Sioux Center Hospital and Nursing Wing for 22 years, a member of the State Comprehensive Health Advisory Committee and chairman of the Budget and Financial Control Committee.



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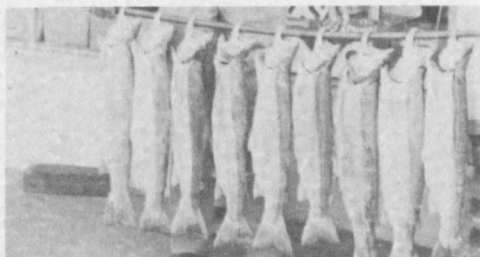
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